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News briefly

Sarries confirm **Hodgson deal**

SARACENS have signed England international Charlie Hodgson. The Sale fly-half, who has 34 caps, will join the Men in Black at the start of next season. Sarries director of rugby Brendan Venter took charge of his final game as Sarries edged to a 12-6 home win over London Irish on Sunday. Four penalties from the boot of Owen Farrell moved Saracens up to second in the Premiership.

Finn remains with England

STEVE FINN has stayed on with England for the start of the one-day series with Australia. The Middlesex seamer was due to return home after their Ashes victory but he is staying on to allow James Anderson a rest. Finn claimed 14 wickets during the first three Tests before being left out of the side.

Harrow fly past **British Airways**

HARROW RFC maintained their grip on Herts Middlesex Three after beating British Airways 36-15. Leigh Hicks, Simon Bram and Shane Togher gave them a 19-3 half-time lead. Harrow sealed the win with tries from Nick Argent and Togher.

Rampant Harrow Borough hit Canvey Island for six

by SIMON MAIL

HARROW BOROUGH manager David Howell has warned his side not to get complacent after their biggest win of the season.

Boro thrashed Canvey Island 6-1 on Saturday at Earlsmead which extended their unbeaten run to eight games in the Ryman Premier.

Howell said: "The confi-

dence is good at the moment and the belief is strong. I have always known we had good individual players but we have lacked consistency. Now we are being consistent I don't want

us to get complacent.
"At some point we are going to get beaten but when we do we need to make sure that we respond accordingly. Things are going well but we have to work twice as hard to maintain this. I don't want complacency to set in.

"In the past when we have gone on a bad run we have been unable to buy a win and we've thought the whole world was against us.'

The hosts opened the scoring after just five minutes when Rocky Baptiste was tripped and he stepped up to slot home the penalty.

who is being tracked by a host of clubs including QPR, headed home the second.

Canvey Island quickly got on the scoresheet but Boro added the third when the outstanding Kenta Nakashima found the net.

Daniel McGonigle netted a brace inside two minutes at the start of the second half and Hewitt's second goal completed their fourth consecutive league win.

Boro start a run of three away matches in a row this weekend with a trip to Maidstone United.

All the teams are beneath them in the table and Boro will be the favourites after their exceptional form during the last couple of months. The Reds have moved into the topten of the league and are only five points off the play-offs.

Howell added: "People are

starting to take note of our form and expectation levels are starting to rise.

"But we are on the road against three difficult sides who are below us in the table. We need to go into the match with the same confidence and belief but with a slightly different mindset



Six of the best: Harrow Borough celebrate after thrashing Canvey Island at Earlsmead. Picture: ANDREW ALEKSIEJCZUK

Stones' losing run continues

WEALDSTONE manager Gordon Bartlett admits his team badly need a spark of inspiration after suffering their third league defeat in a row.

The Stones lost 1-0 at Tooting and Mitcham United on Saturday and were beaten by the same scoreline on Monday at home to Margate. Their latest setbacks have also left them without a goal in their last five matches.

Bartlett said: "We have had a bad run and we need a spark from somewhere. We need to find a couple of leaders and the lads have to play themselves out of this run. I'm sure if we can get a win then it will sort itself out.

Bartlett was unhappy with their performance at Tooting but felt they were unfortunate not to get a result against Margate.

He added: "If we were not creating chances then I would worry about it. The difference between success and failure is minimal. We created enough chances to have got something out of both games and the bottom line is we were very positive against Margate.
"We played an attacking formation

and had three up front for the last 30 miles. I feel that if we can just get a goal then we can turn things around.

Wealdstone have been hit by injuries and are still searching for some new signings. Bartlett was hopeful of bringing in a couple of players on loan in time for Saturday's home match against Hastings United.

He added: "There were a few things that financially we couldn't do but we are looking at the loan route at the moment. Our numbers are dramatically down and we do need to supplement



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