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Saracens crash out of Europe

SARACENS were knocked out of the Heineken Cup after being hammered 43-20 at Leinster on Saturday. The Men in Black conceded six tries to the 2009 winners who booked their place in the last eight. Sarries did score three tries through James Short, Kelly Brown and Nils Mordt but they were well beaten. Their final game in the pool is at home to Clermont Auvergne tomorrow night.

Harrow extend winning record

HARROW RFC made it ten wins in a row in Herts Middlesex Three after a 26-5 win over third-placed Thamesians on Saturday. The league leaders opened the scoring through centre Simon Bram's try and Gary Conroy was also on target. Brendan Dunphy and Con-roy added second-half tries

Finn misses out on World Cup

STEVE FINN has not been picked in England's 15-man squad for the World Cup. But the seamer's Middlesex team-mates Andrew Strauss and Eoin Morgan have been selected. The pair played in England's six-wicket one-day defeat to Australia on Sunday. Strauss scored 63 but Morgan was out for eight.

Magnificent seven for Harrow Borough

by SIMON MAIL

HARROW **BOROUGH** thrashed Horsham 7-1 to record their biggest win of the season on Tuesday night.

Borough inflicted Horsham's heaviest home defeat for more than 16 years in a stunning performance. The victory extended their unbeaten run in the Ryman Premier to ten games and they have netted 22 goals in their last six outings.

Howell said: "As a football fan first and foremost, some of the football we are playing at the moment is absolutely brilliant. To see the development of the team and the players from the summer to now is absolutely brilliant.

"It was right up there as a performance. But about eight out of the last 12 matches would have provoked a similar reaction from me.

"The lads are playing really well and with a lot of confidence and belief. It just makes a difference to our all-round game.

Boro came into the match following a goalless draw at nine-man Maidstone United and it did not start too well as Horsham scored after just six

But Boro responded quickly equalising within two minutes through Rocky Baptiste's penalty. The visitors went in front shortly afterwards when David Ijaha netted his first goal for the club.

Boro extended their lead after 27 minutes with a brilliant finish from Daniel McGonigle and Baptiste added his second after rounding the goalkeeper.

Horsham were reduced to ten men just before half time, with Michael Hector dismissed, and Boro punished them with the fifth goal when Kenta Nakashima finished

Baptiste completed his hattrick late on with a close-range finish and Troy Hewitt capped a fine display with the final goal of a remarkable evening.

Howell, who takes his side to Folkestone Invicta on Saturday, said: "The way I see it, we have not achieved anything yet. We have a long way to go and need to remain focused.

"If you're going to remain consistent then you cannot get overconfident and believe your own hype. I just want us to focus and keep doing what we have been recently



Hat-trick hero: Harrow Borough striker Rocky Baptiste fired them to their biggest win of the Picture: ANDREW ALEKSIEJCZUK

Stones sign striker Knight

WEALDSTONE have boosted their squad by signing experienced striker Kieran Knight.

The 29-year-old has moved to Grosvenor Vale from Blue Square South club Maidenhead United.

Knight has previously played for Hampton and Richmond Borough and Hayes and Yeading United. The powerful striker also had spells with Northwood and Enfield.

Stones manager Gordon Bartlett has been looking for a new striker with his team desperately struggling for goals. Wealdstone have lost their last three league games and have failed to score a

goal for five matches.

Bartlett said: "Kieran is a very experienced, strong forward who holds the ball up well. I am delighted with this signing which will add a different dimension to our play."

But defender Louis Lavers and midfielder Ben Long have left the club in a bid to find first-team football elsewhere.

Bartlett added: "It's frustration more than anything else. They're young lads that are not playing and want to be in the side. Louis is apparently having a trial at Braintree and I don't know

about Ben yet."

The Stones did not play last weekend but they are back in action on Saturday at home to Hendon before entertaining Hastings United two days later.

Wealdstone are holding a fundraising sporting dinner with Graham Poll as the guest speaker on Thursday, March 24 at Ruislip Social Club. For more information call David Albert on 07988



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