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Saracens keep LV= **Cup hopes alive**

SARACENS kept in contention for a place in the semi-finals of the LV= Cup after a comprehensive 34-7 win at the Scarlets on Saturday. The Men in Black claimed their first winning bonus-point after scoring five tries in Wales. Tries from James Short, Hayden Smith, Ben Ransom, Jamie George and Noah Cato earned the win. Their final pool game is at home to Sale Sharks on

Middlesex reveal pre-season games

MIDDLESEX CCC have confirmed their pre-season fixtures. The County Championship Two club will face Berkshire at Radlett in their first one-day game on Satur-day, March 26. Middlesex will also face Surrey, Northamptonshire and Hampshire.

Finn claims wickets in England defeat

STEVE FINN picked up two wickets but England still lost to Australia by two wickets in Sydney yesterday. The Middlesex seamer claimed two for 51 but the hosts won to extend their lead to 5-1 with one match remaining in the

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Five-star **Borough**

by SIMON MAIL

HARROW BOROUGH produced a brilliant comeback from 2-0 down to win 5-2 at second-placed Bury Town on Tuesday night.

The Reds continued their superb season in the Ryman Premier as they closed to within two points of the play-offs.

A hat-trick from the exceptional Troy Hewitt, who is being chased by QPR, fired them to victory and will only increase the number of clubs interested in signing the striker.

Boro manager David Howell said: "It was one of the best second-half performances of the season. We were 2-1 down at half time and lucky to still be in the game.

"But we went into the changing room at half time and had a heart to heart. The lads were confident and I was always confident we could produce.

"At one point we could have been 4-1 down but when we started playing in the second half they couldn't cope with us.

Trov got his hat-trick which he deserved. It was an electrifying performance from him. He just showed what he could do.

the people ringing him up. For him to remain focused is all credit to him.

Howell, who was preparing to talk to QPR yesterday about Hewitt, who has 12 league goals, added: "I just said to him that will take care of itself and to keep doing what he's doing. That is the best way to deal with the situation.

Boro host Horsham on Saturday and they will be full of confidence after hammering them 7-1 last month.

But Howell has warned his side not to be complacent against a side that will be des-

perate to exact revenge.

He said: "It will be another test for the players because Horsham have a lot of pride and they will be looking for revenge.

"You don't normally play a side on the back of a big defeat in the space of just a couple of

"The only thing we can do is get ready for Horsham. If we do things correctly then we will be heading in the right direction. But if we don't do it properly then all the talk of the play-offs will just be hot air.

Jolly fires Stones to win



Richard Jolly struck four goals as the Stones thrashed Concord Rangers 6-1 on Saturday.
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WEALDSTONE manager Gordon Bartlett praised his side for their "most satisfying" performance of the season after thrashing in-form Concord Rangers 6-1 on Saturday.

The Stones were in ruthless form away from home as on-loan striker Richard Jolly netted four times.

Bartlett said: "We played tremendous football and it was our most satisfying win of the season. We could have scored a couple more to be fair.

"Saturday was important. To go away to a team playing so well and get a result would be good. But to come away with a result and six goals was a tremendous job and all credit to the players.

"I said that we had been threatening to give someone a bit of a thumping and it came on Saturday. I would love it to be a regular thing but I'm a realist. If we can have the killer instinct we've been lacking then I believe we can do it

Wealdstone got off to a superb start when Sutton United striker Jolly tucked away a rebound after the goalkeeper parried a shot.

He quickly added his second before the break when he finished off Danny Spendlove's cross.

The Stones put the game beyond Concord in the second half when they added the third as Jolly completed his hat-trick. He netted his fifth goal in three games when he was put through and rounded the goalkeeper.

Peter Dean tucked away a penalty after Dale Brightly was sent off for bringing down Jolly. The hosts got a consolation before Dean's second completed an emphatic victory.

Wealdstone visit struggling Maidstone United this weekend



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