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Sarries keep up pressure on Tigers

SARACENS closed to within five points of Premiership leaders Leicester Tigers after thrashing Leeds Carnegie 39-0 on Sunday. The Men in Black scored after just two minutes through Michael Tagicakibau and Brad Barritt and James Short also scored before the break. Richard Wigglesworth sealed the bonus point in the second half before Chris Wyles added another try. Sarries travel to London Wasps on Sunday afternoon.

Harrow extend lead over rivals

HARROW RFC extended their lead in Herts/Middlesex Three after beating secondplaced Old Abbotstonians 32-0 on Saturday. The league leaders ran in six unanswered tries as they moved 13 points clear with only four matches remaining.

Tigers battle to United victory

KINGSBURY LONDON TIGERS eased their South Midlands Premier relegation fears with a 4-3 win at Biggleswade United. Adil Salih headed home for the Tigers before goals from Terence Cariba, Kye Hendrix and Ivan Gomes Forbes sealed the points.

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Hewitt nets OPR move

by SIMON MAIL

HARROW BOROUGH striker Troy Hewitt has completed his move to Championship leaders Queens Park Rangers.

The 21-year-old, who was a non-contract player at Boro, netted 20 goals this season and has been rewarded with a two-and-ahalf year contract at Loftus Road. As part of the agreement, QPR are likely to play a friendly at Borough next summer.

Hewitt impressed during a trial with Rangers where he scored twice in a reserve match against Crystal Palace.

The pacy striker formed a lethal partnership with Rocky Baptiste this season and his form attracted interest from a host of clubs including Peterborough, Swindon, Charlton and Barnet.

Boro manager David Howell said: "It is a good deal for the club. He has done really well, listened to advice and worked hard.

"But the biggest attribute he has is that nothing fazes him. His temperament is very good which allows him to focus and not get flustered.

"This is just the start for Troy and I'm sure that he will deliver. I think he has a very good future in football. He will be able to play at whatever level he is given a chance

and will push on from here.

Hewitt's departure follows the recent moves into professional football for former attackers Robin Shroot and Albert Adomah. Howell believes the club provides an ideal opportunity for youngsters to earn their dream

job in the sport.

He said: "It is all about giving players the opportunity and I just feel it is a credit to the club that we are in a position to help give people a career in football.

"It is a learning curve but the important thing is these players have the right attitude and they will get their chance."

Boro lost their second league game in a row after a 2-0 defeat at AFC Hornchurch on Tuesday night. Howell bemoaned another disappointing performance and wants his side to get back on track quickly.

The manager added: "You don't go the whole season without some defeats but when you have an indifferent run then you have to dust yourself down and battle through it.

"We have to work that much harder and roll our sleeves up to get through this difficult time.

Boro will prepare for next week's derby with Wealdstone by travelling to Croydon Athletic on Saturday



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Picture: PETER BEAL

Harrow Borough on Tuesday night.

Striker Jolly leaves Stones

WEALDSTONE extended unbeaten run to seven Ryman Premier games but also lost the services of prolific striker Richard Jolly.

The Sutton forward has returned to the club after his loan spell with Wealdstone which resulted in seven goals in ten games.

Stones boss Gordon Bartlett said: We knew we only had him for a month but his spell with us has undoubtedly served its purpose.

"We have won five games and drawn two with him here and he has scored a hatful of goals. Our confidence has come back and he has been a major factor in giving us a boost.

The Stones earned a 3-1 win at Kingstonian on Saturday. Wealdstone took the lead after eight minutes following a spectacular 30-yard strike from Kurtney Brooks.

Wealdstone extended their advantage ten minutes later when Peter Dean finished smartly.

The hosts pulled one back in the second half but a late penalty from Dean sealed the points.

Bartlett added: "I was delighted with the performance. Some of our football in the first half was outstanding and we could have easily been three or four goals up. Our passing and movement was excellent.

"In the second half they scored and changed the game but I was delighted with our character and resilience. I thought so many facets of our game were excellent.'

The Stones face a busy week with a home game against Cray Wanderers on Saturday followed by a clash at rivals



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