

News briefly

Saracens shocked by London Wasps

PREMIERSHIP champions Saracens suffered a shock opening 20-15 defeat to London Wasps at Twickenham on Saturday. The Men in Black trailed 13-9 at half time after a try from Christian Wade. Sarries kicked themselves in front after the break but Tom Varndell's try earned Wasps the win. Saracens travel to Bath on Saturday afternoon.

Morgan ruled out of one-day series

MIDDLESEX batsman Eoin Morgan has been ruled out of the remainder of England's one-day series against India. Morgan has failed to shake off an ongoing shoulder injury and the 24-year-old will not play any part in the last three matches. England took a 1-0 lead after beating India by seven wickets on Tuesday night at the Rose Bowl.

Wealdstone Girls ease past Hornets

WEALDSTONE Under-18 Girls earned a 6-2 win over Watford Girls at Grosvenor Vale on Sunday. Rosie Watts scored twice for the Stones before Stevie Wickes netted a penalty. Watts completed her hat-trick in the second half and there was another goal from Wickes and a solo effort by Lauren Simmons. Watford scored twice but were well beaten by the Stones.

Stones fight back to claim first win

WEALDSTONE boss Gordon Bartlett is confident their 3-1 win over Bury Town can kick-start their season.

The Stones had an indifferent start to the season but they posted their first win of the campaign on Saturday when they overturned a 1-0 deficit at Grosvenor Vale.

Bartlett, who could not hide his delight at the final whistle, said: "I was very pleased. It was nice to get the first win under our belt.

"I thought the performance was much improved and hopefully it will kick start our season.

"I was very comfortable with our performance in the first half and I felt it was just a matter of time before we got back in the match.

"I felt we were always in control of the game and that patience was a big thing. It was about not concentrating on the scoreline and emphasising the performance."

The Stones were again handed an advantage after 31 minutes when Bury were reduced to ten men.

In their previous match, Wingate and Finchley had a

player sent off but still beat Bartlett's side 4-2.

Bury's Kieran Leabon was given a red card for a blatant elbow on Lee Chappell.

But this did not stop the visitors from taking the lead, against the run of play, eight minutes later when Sam Reed headed home.

The Stones equalised after 64 minutes when Lee Chappell's effort was parried and Kieran Knight fired the ball into the net.

It didn't take long for the hosts to take the lead as Knight managed to get on the end of Kurtney Brooks' deflected cross and net his second of the game.

The Stones sealed the win in the 76th minute when Alex Dyer sidefooted the ball into the net.

"It was a good team performance and an excellent response to the disappointment of last weekend," Bartlett said.

"They got a lot of criticism and rightly so but this was a total contrast and this is a good feeling which I hope will stick in their mind."

The Stones travel to Kingstonian in the Ryman Premier this weekend.



Stones boss Gordon Bartlett cannot hide his delight after their comeback win over Bury Town. Picture: STEVE FOSTER/WEALDSTONE FC

Boro extend winless run

HARROW BOROUGH are still searching for their first win of the season after a 1-0 defeat at Canvey Island.

The best chance of an uninspiring first half fell to the visitors but a goal-bound header was turned over the bar by home goalkeeper James Russell.

Boro conceded the only goal of the game after 63 minutes when goalkeeper Nick Pope brought down Alex Rhodes. The keeper was shown a yellow card but he was powerless to stop Robbie King from tucking away the crucial penalty.

Boro fought back and enjoyed plenty of possession after conceding the goal.

Duane Ofori Acheampong came close to levelling the match for the Reds but his shot was deflected behind for a corner.

The visitors should have equalised in injury time when Russell managed to save Wayne Walters' header.

The rebound fell to Ofori Acheampong but he managed to put the ball wide from two yards out although the offside flag had been raised.

Boro boss Dave Anderson said: "It's the second time this season we've lost to a penalty and it's just bitterly disappointing. It is hard for the lads to take but we're moving in the right direction."

Their latest defeat means Boro have failed to win any of their first five Ryman Premier games and have been beaten in their three away matches.

Their next chance to get a first victory of the season comes on Saturday when they entertain Cray Wanderers at Earslmead.

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