

News briefly

Late kick snatches win for Saracens

PREMIERSHIP champions Saracens picked up their first win of the season after a last-gasp kick from Owen Farrell. His penalty fired Sarries to a dramatic 28-26 win at the Rec. James Short scored for the visitors but tries from Nick Abendanon and Carl Fearnas gave Bath a 17-13 lead. The sides exchanged penalties but Bath were on course for victory until Farrell's late kick.

Finn awarded central contract

MIDDLESEX bowler Steve Finn has been handed another 12-month central contract. The 22-year-old was given a contract by the ECB a year ago and has been handed a new deal despite not featuring regularly for England this year. Finn picked up one for 54 for the national side in their one-day draw with India on Sunday.

Dixon fires Stones to Reading win

WEALDSTONE LADIES defeated Reading 6-2 in their first match at the Vale on Sunday after four goals from Nicola Dixon. Dixon opened the scoring with a solo effort and added a second as they led 4-0 at half time. The visitors pulled one back but Roise Watts set up Dixon for her hat-trick. Dixon completed the scoring for the Stones.

Continuity the key to Stones' form

WEALDSTONE boss Gordon Bartlett believes playing a settled side has helped them turn the corner.

The Stones failed to win any of their first four games but Bartlett has fielded the same lineup in their last three matches which have all been wins.

Bartlett said: "We played the same side for the third game and we won for the third time in a row. If the players don't perform I will make changes. So we went four games without a win and we made changes.

"But we have started playing well and winning and it's good to get continuity. However if they don't perform we know that we have a good squad and we will use them."

Wealdstone earned their third win in a row when they defeated Leatherhead 1-0 at Grosvenor Vale on Monday night.

Alan Massey grabbed the first-half winner which sent them into the top ten.

Bartlett said: "We played so well on Saturday but I do feel that playing on Monday doesn't really give you enough time to recover.

"But we had enough chances to have scored half a dozen without playing well. We had two penalty

shouts turned down that looked pretty cast iron and missed some great chances.

"I think at 1-0 you are always a bit concerned in a game we should have been home and dried in. It wasn't pretty but you're not going to play well all the time."

Wealdstone eased to a 3-0 victory at Kingstonian on Saturday. Captain Wes Parker headed home their opener before Richard Jolly doubled the lead in the second half. David Hicks chipped in the third.

The Stones host Beaconsfield SYCOB in the first qualifying round of the FA Cup this weekend and Bartlett hopes it is the start of a financially rewarding run.

He said: "Any club at this level is looking for a good cup run. Firstly because it's prestigious and also because it is financially massive. Any club at this level will be praying it's their year.

"Beaconsfield have a lot of pace in their team and they like to get the ball forward quickly. They have had six wins in a row so they are coming into it confident.

"We will give them the same respect that we give to every team. But if we get our own house in order then we know that we will cause them problems."

Reds clinch first victory

HARROW BOROUGH manager Dave Anderson praised his side's character after they shocked Lowestoft Town and picked up their first win of the season.

The Reds came into the midweek game off the back of an "embarrassing" 4-0 hammering at home to Cray Wanderers but bounced back with a memorable 2-1 win.

Boro were fortunate to be in the game at half time after conceding a goal and seeing Nick Pope save a penalty.

But Duane Ofori-Acheampong lobbed in the 75th minute equaliser and JJ Bates fired in the winner with only minutes remaining.

Anderson said: "To go to Lowestoft, who were second, on the back of a 4-0 defeat is about as hard as it gets but it was a great result and the lads were excellent in the second half.

"I wouldn't deny the game could have been dead at half time because they missed a penalty and a hatful of chances.

"I thought in the second half we were better than them and got stronger and stronger as the game went on. We got our goal and after that you could only see one winner."

Boro host Marlow in the first qualifying round of the FA Cup this weekend and Anderson is desperate to replicate last year's run to the first round.

He added: "It is the biggest and best competition in the world so I want to go as far as I can in it every year.

"I have a great respect for the competition and I think non league football makes it what it is by adding the spice. We want to do how the club did last year."



Alan Massey and Alex Dyer celebrate the Stones' goal against Leatherhead.

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