

News briefly

Sarries keep up pressure on Quins

SARACENS kept up the pace with Premiership leaders Harlequins after a 25-5 win over Newcastle Falcons on Sunday. The Men in Black opened the scoring through Joe Maddock's first try for the club. But bottom side Newcastle responded with an effort from Luke Fielden. The champions sealed their fifth consecutive win with tries from Alex Goode and James Short.

Tennis captain stands down

HARROW LAWN TENNIS CLUB ladies captain Vivien Mrowiec has stepped down after five years at the helm. Mrowiec has passed on the leadership to Philippa Davies. Mrowiec, who took over the position in 2006, will not be able to complete all the rounds in next year's summer season due to work commitments.

Middlesex bowler takes hat-trick

MIDDLESEX seamer Steve Finn took a hat-trick in England's 56-run warm-up victory over a Hyderabad Cricket Association XI. The Watford-born bowler, whose first ball went for six, polished off the tail to finish with figures of four for 28 as the hosts were dismissed for just 163. England play their first of five one-day internationals against India tomorrow.

Anderson braced for Pope's exit

by Simon Mail

HARROW BOROUGH manager Dave Anderson admits it will be a tall order finding a replacement for goalkeeper Nick Pope.

The Charlton shot stopper has made a big impact during his spell with Boro but he will head back to the Valley in five weeks at the end of his loan.

Anderson cannot extend the deal and is convinced the youngster, who saved his second penalty of the season in Tuesday's 2-2 draw at Wingate & Finchley, can look forward to a successful professional career.

Anderson said: "I would love to keep him for the next ten years but that isn't going to happen. I think he will be a football league keeper and we have five weeks to replace him.

"We have big shoes to fill and I would be lying if I said he won't be a major loss. He's been a great addition for us.

"Nick saved a penalty and his handling is good. He is very good at his job and he stands a big chance of being a league goalkeeper."

Boro got off to an excellent start as they opened the scoring

when Jon-Jo Bates found the net. But the hosts equalised within three minutes.

Boro regained their lead after 28 minutes when Danny Leech hooked the ball into the net.

The visitors survived a scare when Pope saved Ahmet Rifat's penalty.

But Boro lost their lead when Wingate scored ten minutes into the second half.

Anderson was encouraged by the performance and feels his side are moving in the right direction.

He added: "That is one defeat in seven games which is not bad. Obviously I would like to turn the draws at home into wins but I feel like we're moving in the right direction.

"We are making good progress and it's a better squad than four weeks ago.

The Reds travel to Carshalton Athletic this weekend, looking to extend their five-match unbeaten run, in what he has dubbed a financial mismatch.

Anderson said: "The pressure is on them but they are a big money outfit.

"Budget v budget we shouldn't stand a chance but it doesn't work like that."



Harrow Borough boss Dave Anderson has guided his side to a five-match unbeaten league run.

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Stones striker departs club

WEALDSTONE striker Kieran Knight has left the club due to financial reasons.

The former Hayes and Yeading United forward has struggled to feature regularly this season for the Stones despite joining them in the summer.

His last two goals for the club came in their 3-1 win over Bury Town last month.

Wealdstone ended their run of three consecutive defeats by holding high-flying Lowestoft Town to a goalless draw at Grosvenor Vale on Saturday.

The Stones came away from the game, in front of 626 fans which was their biggest gate of the season, feeling hard done by.

Striker Richard Jolly's seemingly legitimate first-half strike was harshly ruled out for an alleged foul on goalkeeper Jake Jessop as the hosts were denied all three points.

Gordon Bartlett's side nearly made an ideal start to the contest when David Hicks' free-kick fell into the path of Alan Massey but he was unable to make full contact with the ball when well placed.

Jolly was denied the opener after 25 minutes when he raced through but his effort was blocked by Jessop.

Then came the moment of controversy as the keeper fumbled Alex Dyer's cross but Jolly's finish was harshly ruled out by the referee.

The hosts threatened at the start of the second half when Andrew Fisk's 20-yard effort was well saved by Jonathan North.

Fisk came close again in the last 20 minutes when his strike was blocked by a combination of North and captain Wes Parker.

Peter Dean had a great opportunity to win the game for Bartlett's side in the 78th minute but he inexplicably mis-kicked with the goal at his mercy.

Wealdstone will be targeting their first league win in six games on Saturday when they entertain Hastings United.

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