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Wembley clash for Saracens

SARACENS return to Wembley this weekend to face the Ospreys in the Heineken Cup. The Men in Black face the Welsh giants in a crucial European game which could see the debut of loan signing Peter Stringer. Mark McCall's side battled to a 15-11 win over London Irish in the Premiership at Vicarage Road on Sunday. Owen Farrell scored all of the champions' points as they picked up their eighth league win.

Unbeaten run comes to end

HARROW RFC's two-year unbeaten run came to an end after losing 25-10 at OMTs. Harrow found themselves 17-0 down at half time which left them with too much to do. Howie Gosling scored a converted try in the second half and Gary Conroy scored a penalty but it was in vain.

Stones Ladies seal Woodley victory

WEALDSTONE LADIES earned a 4-2 win over Woodley. Nicola Dixon fired the Stones into the lead before the visitors levelled. Stevie Wickes headed in the second before Fiona Williamson scored. Woodley netted a penalty before Catherine Fahy sealed the win.

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'We are learning from our disappointments'

by SIMON MAIL

WEALDSTONE manager Gordon Bartlett is confident his side have learnt from their recent cup disappointment as they prepare to face Uxbridge.

The Stones suffered a shock home defeat to Beaconsfield Sycob in the FA Cup and Bartlett does not expect his side to make the same mistakes in the FA Trophy this weekend.

Bartlett said: "On the day Beaconsfield were better than us and we needed a stronger work ethic. If we can do that then we will give ourselves a chance.

"From what I have seen, we are learning from our experiences and disappointments. We have to apply ourselves properly because there is no doubt they will be fired up for the game.

"It is a local derby and they've been on a fantastic run, winning 15 of their last 17 games. They have been doing something right and beat Lowestoft last year so we certainly won't be taking them lightly.

"Our aim is to play against a Conference side

but to do that we have to beat the teams at our level and lesser levels."

The Stones thrashed Enfield Town 6-0 in the Middlesex Senior Cup on Tuesday night.

Watford loan duo Brit Assombalanga and Connor Smith both impressed with two goals apiece. Scott Fitzgerald and Alex Dyer also scored leaving the manager with plenty of selection dilemmas ahead of the Uxbridge game.

Bartlett said: "I thought they did very well. Both Brit and Connor scored two and they certainly made an impact. They have given me some nice options for the weekend and I have some difficult decisions to make."

Wealdstone's recent upturn in form in the Ryman Premier continued on Saturday with a 2-1 win at Concord Rangers.

Assombalanga marked his full debut for the club by opening the scoring after eight minutes.

The hosts equalised but Wealdstone grabbed a winner eight minutes from time when striker Richard Jolly netted from 18 yards out.



Richard Jolly jumps for the ball during the Stones' 2-1 win at Concord Rangers. Picture: STEVE FOSTER/WEALDSTONE FC

Borough hit by United cup defeat

HARROW BOROUGH limped out of the Middlesex Senior Cup after a 1-0 defeat at North Greenford United on Tuesday.

The Reds' run of games without scoring stretched to three matches after another impotent attacking display.

Dave Anderson's side started brightly enough but failed to take the lead when Evrando Delgado volleyed the ball against the crossbar.

Borough's second-half performance simply wasn't up to scratch and it was no surprise when the hosts netted the winner after 70 minutes.

James Awofisan shrugged off a challenge from Danny Leech and tucked his effort past goalkeeper Will Viner.

The visitors were unable to offer much in response as they tamely exited the competition.

The Reds also lost 1-0 at home to Lewes in the Ryman Premier on Saturday.

Boro fell behind in the seventh minute at Earlsmead when Harry Harding picked up the ball and fired it past Viner.

New striker Danny Buckle was brought on for the final 15 minutes but was unable to get into the game.

It was another uninspired performance from Boro as they looked short of ideas.

This was their eighth league defeat of the campaign and left Anderson's team with just 19 goals from their first 18 matches.

The Reds entertain Lewisham Borough in the fifth round of the London Senior Cup this weekend.

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