

News briefly

St Dom's claim badminton title

ST DOMINIC's mixed badminton team won the England Sixth Form and Colleges final in Newham. The Harrow on the Hill college team came out on top in the mixed event. St Dom's men's team could not overcome eventual winners Isleworth and Syon School. In other news, a team of St Dom's students have been offered a place to volunteer at the Aquatics Centre during the Paralympic Games.

Sarries seal home quarter-final

SARACENS will host Clermont Auvergne in the Heineken Cup quarter-finals after winning their pool. The Men in Black won 26-20 in Treviso on Sunday to secure home advantage in the last-eight. Sarries switch competitions this weekend as they entertain Worcester in the LV= Cup.

Harrow pick up Junior Vase win

HARROW RFC moved into the quarter-finals of the National Junior Vase after a 36-5 win at Worth Old Boys. Two well worked tries gave the visitors a 13-6 lead at the break. Harrow pushed on in the second half and three more efforts including one from Dave West sealed the win.

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Stones fight back to earn Hendon point

by SIMON MAIL

WEALDSTONE drew their third league game in a row after being held 1-1 at Hendon on Tuesday night.

The Stones had to come from behind against their highflying rivals to claim a point. The result also extended the Stones' run of form to just one defeat in 25 games.

Wealdstone started the match brightly and could have taken the lead inside three minutes but Richard Jolly was hauled down by Ryan Wharton on the edge of the area.

Wharton looked like he was the last man but was fortunate to get away with a yellow card.

Former Watford forward Elliot Godfrey had the hosts' first chance of the game but his volley from the edge of the area went wide.

Greg Ngoyi, playing against his old club, looked dangerous and the striker made the breakthrough just before the break.

Ngoyi received the ball from Darren Currie and he prodded it past goalkeeper Jonathan North from close range.

Gordon Bartlett's side started the second half with purpose and they were rewarded with an equaliser six minutes after the restart.

David Hicks seized on the ball in midfield and he struck a 20-yard effort which flew past Berkley Lauren-

The Stones were on top after the goal and only a brilliant save by Lauren from Kurtney Brooks' strike denied them the lead.

Hendon finished the match strongly and almost pinched the points in injury time but North superbly saved from Carl McCluskey's shot.

The Stones were also held 1-1 at home to in-form Cray Wanderers at the weekend.

Bartlett said: "We looked flat but we showed character as the game went on and didn't buckle.

"We were exposed in the midfield by a very good Cray side whose movement and shape was excellent.

"We were grateful for the point but we could have nicked it at the end and the substitutions worked well."

Cray deservedly took the lead after 58 minutes when Jack Clark's powerful strike was parried by North and Tommy Whitnall bundled in the loose ball.

But the hosts equalised almost immediately as Hick's corner was headed home by defender Wes Parker.

Chris O'Leary had a great chance to win the game when he was put through on goal but he blasted his effort just wide of the target. Both teams had chances to claim the victory but it finished up all square.

Bartlett's side face another difficult test this weekend when they travel to third-placed Lowestoft Town.



Scott McCubbin falls to the ground during the Stones' draw with Cray Wanderers.

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Reds hit form in away win

HARROW BOROUGH's upturn in form continued with a convincing 3-1 victory at Tooting & Mitcham United.

The visitors soaked up early pressure before taking the lead in the 22nd minute. Garry Jones sent in the corner and Danny Leech headed home the opener.

Tooting went close at the start of the second half through Steve Ferguson but his effort was well saved by Will Viner.

Dave Anderson's side doubled their lead just before the hour mark.

Danny Buckle's strike was saved by Jack Giddens but Tristan Toney reacted sharply to fire in the rebound.

The third goal soon arrived in the 64th minute to kill off the hosts' hopes.

Aryantaj Tajbakhsh put in a cross and Buckle was on hand to nod in from close range.

The Reds were in control and came agonisingly close to grabbing a fourth goal but Leech fired just over the bar.

Tooting did manage to net a late consolation when Andre McCollin scored a well-taken goal.

But it was Boro who finished the stronger side and again almost found the net when the lively Tajbakhsh fired an effort past the post.

The Reds have picked up seven points in their last three games which has helped take them clear of the Ryman Premier relegation zone.

Boro return to action on Saturday at Earlsmead against Wingate & Finchley.

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