

News briefly

Harrow Borough beaten at home

HARROW BOROUGH suffered a 2-1 home defeat to Carshalton Athletic on Saturday. Rob Wolleaston gave them the lead but they failed to hold on to it. The Reds lost 2-1 at Hendon in the London Senior Cup on Tuesday despite a goal for Aaron Tumwa. Harrow Borough face a crucial trip to Leatherhead, who are just below them in the table, this weekend.

Junior Vase final spot for Harrow

HARROW RFC are through to the final of the National Junior Vase after beating Croydon 32-7. They will now play London Exiles on Saturday, March 17. Harrow reached the last 16 of the National Colts Cup after beating Old Albanians 18-5. Their reward is a home game against Ivybridge in the next round on March 4.

Wealdstone Ladies crush Wargrave

WEALDSTONE LADIES thrashed Wargrave 15-0. Lauren Simmons scored five goals and Nicola Dixon netted three times in the win. Rosie Watts added a brace while Claire Holden headed home in the second half. Catherine Fahy scored three and Rebecca Mills got one.

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Stones reach Trophy semis

by SIMON MAIL

WEALDSTONE boss Gordon Bartlett believes their run to the FA Trophy semi-finals is a better achievement than the club's cup triumph back in 1985.

The Ryman Premier side overcame all the odds to earn a two-legged tie with Newport County after a brace from Richard Jolly fired them to a 2-1 win at Conference side Cambridge United.

Bartlett said: "The feeling is that this was a better achievement than winning it in 1985 because of the circumstances. Since the Conference North and South was set up we're the lowest ranked side to reach this stage. In that context it's like a League Two side reaching the FA Cup semi final.

"It has been some week going from winning at Dartford to that, it's been amazing.

"We hoped to stay in the competition but to win in that manner was fantastic.

"We defended as if our lives depended on it. The spirit in the side is fantastic, there is a never say die attitude and Richard Jolly's goals gave us the belief to win against all the odds."

The Stones boss paid tribute to the large turnout of supporters who travelled to the Abbey Stadium for their unforgettable win.

He added: "The supporters have to take the plaudits and over 400 travelled and sang their hearts out for 90 minutes. It was a fantastic day for so many people



Wealdstone's cup heroes celebrate after their famous FA Trophy win over Cambridge United.

Picture: STEVE FOSTER/WEALDSTONE FC

ple at the club.

"It's a massive giantkilling by going to Cambridge and taking their scalp on their own patch."

Bartlett, who has led both Southall and Yeading out at Wembley in the FA Vase, admits there has been talk in the changing room of a potential visit to the landmark stadium.

He said: "The best feeling is winning something and we've created a wonder-

ful feeling but we've only won a quarter-final.

"We are still massive underdogs. Newport County are a Conference side but our belief and attitude will not change. There is a massive belief within the camp.

"There is talk of Wembley because we have to give the players a focus and they will not get a better opportunity to get to a final of a major competition.

"The players deserve it and I would just love to see it. What a fantastic day if we could make it but we have a very difficult task first of all."

Wealdstone defeated AFC Hayes 2-0 in the Middlesex Senior Cup quarter-finals on Tuesday.

The Stones' next test is a home game against league leaders Billericay Town on Saturday as they attempt to keep within sight of the play-offs.

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