

News briefly

Huge cup win for Stones Ladies

WEALDSTONE LADIES eased to a 14-0 win over Benson Lionesses in the first round of the Thames Valley Cup. Rosie Watts was on fire with five goals for the Stones while Natalie Osman marked her return with a brace. Danielle Forde also struck twice for Wealdstone. The rout was completed by efforts from Nicola Dixon, Claire Holden, Stevie Wickes, Rebecca Mills and Katie Harling.

Sarries get off the mark in LV=Cup

SARACENS started their LV=Cup campaign with a 38-21 bonus-point win over Leicester Tigers at Bedford. The Men in Black eased in front after tries from Jamie George, Duncan Taylor and Joe Maddock. Andy Saul's second-half try sealed the victory for Sarries. Their next match in the competition is away to Sale Sharks tomorrow night.

Middlesex bowler misses India Test

MIDDLESEX star Steve Finn missed England's first Test in India with a thigh strain. Finn tested his injury last week with an appearance in a warm-up match but he was not deemed fit enough to start the opening match today [Thursday] in Ahmedabad.

Week to forget for Reds after losing run drags on

HARROW BOROUGH's slump continued after they suffered their fourth consecutive defeat.

The Reds went down to a 2-0 loss at Enfield Town in the Ryan Premier on Tuesday night which left them 17th in the table.

Dave Anderson's side made a promising start to the match and tested home goalkeeper Daniel East from Yassine Fehmi-Gil's free-kick.

The home keeper was again forced into another excellent save from Danny Buckle's effort on the turn.

The impetus switched towards the hosts in the second half and they made their pressure count with the opener after 66 minutes.

Former Boro midfielder Jonathan Hunt struck a long-range effort which keeper Elvijs Putnins could only help into the net.

Michael Peacock had an opportunity to equalise for Boro but his header failed to trouble the keeper.

Enfield sealed the three points with their second goal after 74 minutes.

A dreadful backpass from Danny Leech put Putnins under severe pressure and the keeper tried to beat Adam Wallace but lost the ball and the home attacker was left with an empty net to finish off the match.

Four of the five sides below Boro have games in hand on them and it looks like being another long season for Anderson's side.

The Reds were also beaten 2-0 at home to Margate in the league on Saturday.

Boro again started brightly but the only time they tested visiting goalkeeper Craig Holloway came when he denied Simeon Akinola.

Margate took the lead seven minutes before the break when Leech misjudged a free-kick and Tommy Whitnell made no mistake with a powerful finish.

The visitors doubled their lead midway through the second half when Carl Rook's header was parried by Putnins but Richard Avery hammered in the rebound.

Anderson will be looking to end their losing streak this weekend when they travel to face Lewes.

Wealdstone held in FA Trophy

WEALDSTONE were held to a 1-1 draw at home to ten man Corby Town in the FA Trophy on Saturday.

The Stones went into the match with eight wins from their last nine against Conference North outfit Corby.

Gordon Bartlett's side made a bright start and nearly opened the scoring when Wes Parker's header was saved by goalkeeper Paul Walker.

Corby were shocked to be reduced to ten men after 20 minutes when striker Josh Moreman was dismissed for protesting after not being awarded a free-kick.

The visitors wasted a chance to take the lead at the end of the first half from the penalty spot when Sam Ives blasted his effort against the crossbar.

Corby took the lead after an hour when home keeper Rikki Banks made two saves but was unable to keep out Ives' follow-up effort.

The Stones' pressure finally paid off in the 73rd minute when Tom Pett picked out Alex Dyer and he kept his composure to fire the ball into the net.

Wealdstone thought they had taken the lead in the 80th minute but Richard Jolly's effort was ruled out for offside.

The visitors were holding on and relieved to see Jolly's strike 60 seconds later cannon off the post.

Wealdstone had one last chance to grab the winner in injury time but Shabazz Baidoo missed his kick when well positioned.

The Stones, who played their replay last night [Wednesday] host Carshalton this weekend.



Harrow Borough boss Dave Anderson has seen his side lose twice in the last week.

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