

## News briefly

### Conroy double fires Harrow to win

GARY CONROY scored twice as Harrow RFC eased to a 37-5 win over Verulamians. Conroy marked his return to the team with a strong individual performance. It was a one-sided contest as Harrow ended their run of two consecutive draws. Harrow travel to Belsize Park in their next match this weekend.

### League opener at Cophthall for Sarries

SARACENS will host their first Premiership match at Cophthall this weekend. The Men in Black have moved to their new home in Mill Hill and will entertain Exeter Chiefs. Sarries will be looking for a strong showing in front of a sold out 10,000 crowd after their surprise defeat at London Irish last weekend.

### Berg agrees new Middlesex deal

MIDDLESEX CCC all-rounder Gareth Berg has agreed a long-term contract with the club. Berg has established himself as a regular in the side and has committed his future to the county until at least 2015. The 32-year-old, who was born in South Africa, broke into the side in 2008 and last season scored more than 500 runs and took 35 wickets.

# Wealdstone battle to Enfield Town victory

WEALDSTONE bounced back from their defeat at Canvey Island with a 2-1 win at Enfield Town in the Ryman Premier Division.

It was a much-needed victory for the Stones after failing to win away from home since November.

Wealdstone boss Gordon Bartlett said: "It's a nice feeling to get back to winning ways. We were not brilliant by any stretch but we changed the formation slightly in the second half and it worked much better.

"Our resolute defending in the first half gave us the platform and it was also pleasing that our first goal came from a set play that we had worked on in training."

It was the home side who threatened first when Joe O'Brien dragged a shot past the post.

Steve Newing's team thought they should have had a penalty when Sean Cronin appeared to bundle over David Kendall in the area but the referee waved play on.

Bartlett's side came close to going in front at the break but Leon Smith headed the ball wide from Michael Alaile's cross.

Wealdstone grabbed the lead at the start of the second half

when Elliot Godfrey's corner was powerfully headed home by Wes Parker.

However their advantage lasted just eight minutes before Adam Wallace's shot hit the post and rebounded out for Tyler Campbell to bundle in the equaliser.

The Stones grabbed the winner 15 minutes from time though when Alex Dyer picked up the ball 20 yards out and evaded two challenges before firing into the far corner.

Enfield kept pushing in search of a point but were denied late on when Kendall's strike was tipped over the bar by Rikki Banks.

Town boss Steve Newing said: "We deserved at least a draw if not a win and that bodes well because Wealdstone are a very good side who still have a chance of winning the league.

"We acquitted ourselves very well and the performance was really good. Everyone was bitterly disappointed that we got nothing from the game."

The Stones' home match against Bury Town was postponed on Monday due to the snow.

Fourth placed Wealdstone are due to entertain Margate this weekend.



Alex Dyer netted the winner for Wealdstone at Enfield Town.  
Picture: STEVE FOSTER/WEALDSTONE FC

## 'I still have a great belief in the players'

HARROW BOROUGH manager Dave Anderson remains convinced his side will climb out of trouble and avoid relegation this season.

The Reds suffered another home defeat at the weekend after losing 3-1 to Leiston. The result left Boro fourth bottom in the Ryman Premier League but Anderson still has faith in his side.

Anderson said: "I still have great belief in my own ability along with the staff and the players to get out of trouble.

"I've been scratching my head sometimes because I'm really happy with the squad and performances have been good recently but we just need to turn them into points."

The Reds conceded the opener when Frankie Merrifield was penalised for handball and Gareth Heath tucked away the penalty.

Poor defending cost the hosts dearly in the 56th minute when Patrick Brothers doubled Leiston's lead.

Boro got a lifeline midway through the second half when Shaun Lucien found the net but the visitors sealed the points when Heath netted from close range.

It was the side's 18th defeat at Earlsmead this season and left Boro with just 23 points from 26 games.

Anderson said: "The result was not what we wanted but the performance was really good so it was a bittersweet feeling. "I'm trying to get the players to focus on performances rather than results.

"We're doing the hard part of scoring goals but we now need to make it harder for other teams to score against us."

The Reds return to action this weekend when they travel to mid-table Hampton & Richmond Borough.

Anderson's side have not won away from home since the end of October when they defeated Bognor Regis Town 3-0.

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