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**News briefly** 

#### **Boxer Smith returns** to action in ring

MITCHELL SMITH puts his unbeaten record on the line this Saturday at the Copperbox Arena in the Olympic Park. The Harrow boxer has won his six professional bouts and is taking on Scott Moises for the South ern Area Super Featherweight title. His opponent from Nor-folk has a record of seven wins and seven defeats. West Ham United fan Smith has been training in Loughton ahead of this weekend's contest.

#### **Harrow gymnasts** star at London Open

HARROW School of Gymnasts enjoyed some excellent results at the London Open. Robert Shaw finished third, Myron Francis was fourth and Jamie Brennan sixth in the level one age group. Samurai Gayle came fifth overall and first in rings. In the Under-8 age group Nile Oyenekan was third overall and first on the floor and high bar. In the level four age group Nathan Branca was second overall and first on the floor and high bar.

#### Rugby side up and running with win

HARROW RFC earned a hardfought 17-16 victory at Datchworth in London North West Three. The team had a slender 17-13 lead at the break but the opposition narrowed the gap in the second half. Harrow play their opening home game this weekend against Grasshoppers.

## Anderson loses trust in players

HARROW BOROUGH manager Dave Anderson will make changes to his squad after losing trust in his players.

The Reds crashed out of the FA Cup after losing to lower league opposition in a 2-1 first qualifying round replay defeat to North Greenford United on Tuesday.

Despite opening the scoring through Rhys Murrell-Williamson, second-half goals from Liam Hind and Danny Bennell fired the Calor League Division One Central side to victory.

Anderson said: "Over the two fixtures I feel that we have fallen short of what is required. I'm looking to make changes to the squad because I've lost my trust

"It's not something I wanted to do but sometimes you have to make the hard decisions. I feel that they have had enough chances.

"I accept that I have to take some responsibility as the buck stops with me but I am frustrated with the inconsistency of our performances and have lost that

trust in some of the players."

Boro were held to a 2-2 draw in the first match at home on Saturday although only a 94th minute goal from Bennell denied them victory.

The Reds led through Simeon Akinola and Mur-

rell-Williamson but the late goal ultimately proved

Anderson said: "It shows that the FA Cup is the best competition in the world. We weren't the only shock in the round and there will be upsets all the way through it.

'There is a big difference in the quality between the divisions but in a one-off anything is possible.

Boro will be underdogs this weekend when they travel to Ryman Premier Division leaders Maidstone

### Stones thrash Kings Langley

WEALDSTONE eased into the second qualifying round of the FA Cup after thrashing Kings Langley

The Stones were far too strong for their opponents as they booked a home tie against Haringey Borough on Saturday, September 28.

Manager Gordon Bartlett said: "We created chances and the nice thing is there were lots of different scorers. We've had ten different scorers this season and 30 goals in

ten games.
"To be unbeaten going into mid September I'm very pleased. There seems to be very positive vibes around the camp at the moment."

Headers from Sean Cronin and Wes Parker put the Stones in control.

Parker added another goal before efforts from Scott McGleish, Reece Grant and Jack Hutchinson completed the victory. Bartlett said: "It took us a little

bit of time. It was their cup final but in the end our superiority came through.

Once we got the third in the second half it became comfortable but before that it caused them some problems."

The Wealdstone boss added: "We've got another home tie against a side lower than us. They're a good side and it could be a bit of a banana skin.

They're middle of the table in the Essex League and we will not take them lightly because we want

to go as far as we can."

Wealdstone face five home games in a row over the next couple of weeks starting against

Thamesmead Town on Saturday.

Bartlett said: "We have to try and capitalise on these home games and if we can build up momentum and take maximum points that will be ideal.

"We have confidence but we will make sure this does not turn into arrogance.



The Stones proved too strong for Kings Langley as they eased into the next round of the FA Cup.

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