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News briefly

Harrow maintain excellent form

Harrow RFC stayed top of London Three North West after a hard-fought 18-16 win at Wasps last weekend. The visitors grabbed an early lead when Adam West scored in the corner but a try and penalty from Wasps fired the hosts in front. Another try from Kearney put Harrow back in the lead. The game was level at 13-13 in the second half but a try from Gary Conroy fired Harrow to a narrow victory

Wembley Heineken Cup clash for Sarries

Saracens host Toulouse in their crucial Heineken Cup showdown at Wembley tomorrow night [Friday]. The Men in Black have won all their games this season but will face their toughest test yet against the four-time winners. A crowd of more than 60,000 is expected.

Fulda lands Sudbury scratch trophy win

IAN FULDA has become the oldest winner of Sudbury Golf Club's scratch trophy. He defeated Niall Keogh, who broke the course record with an eight-under-par 61 the previous day, in a play-off. Daniel Parsons won the Skinner Cup while Nicola Grover triumphed in the Ladies Skinner Cup. Heather Anderson won the Ladies Scratch Cup. Phil Nolan and Derry Brien won the Cooper Senior final while Maurice McGinty and Tom Kearney were first in the junior event.

Stones suffer FA Cup rout

WEALDSTONE suffered their biggest defeat for five years after being thrashed 6-1 at AFC Hornchurch in the third qualifying round of the FA Cup.

The Stones were overwhelmed by their Ryman Premier Division promotion rivals in an afternoon to forget.

Gordon Bartlett's side conceded twice early on and their cap-tain Sean Cronin was sent off inside the first 15 minutes. The Stones took a risk defensively and the manager admitted this played a part in the final scoreline.

Bartlett said: "Conceding two early goals and then the sending off our skipper gave us a mountain to climb.

"We had to be positive and went with three at the back and had to take a gamble so we were liable to concede and that's exactly what happened.

"It has happened and we have to get on with it. We don't get too carried away when we win games so we're not going to get too down about it when we lose."
The Urchins opened the scor-

ing when Stefan Payne found the net and he quickly added a sec-ond goal. It got even worse when Cronin was dismissed for a foul on Leigh Bremner.

Wealdstone tried to regroup at

the break but conceded a penalty 22 seconds into the second half and Payne's hat-trick put the game beyond them.

Joey May added a fourth goal when his deflected effort beat Jonathan North.

goal when George Purcell rounded the keeper to score and it was 6-0 after Chris Bourne headed home.

Wealdstone grabbed a consolation late on through substitute Jerome Okimo who headed in his first goal for the club.

Bartlett said: "We were all disappointed but it's like life. If you dwell on the things that go wrong then you won't enjoy what's around the corner.

"Everybody is disappointed because we underachieved and need to bounce back quickly. We need to regroup, keep our belief and hopefully we can go on another unbeaten run."

The Stones brought in experi-enced defensive midfielder Mark Bentley from Boreham Wood this

The 35-year-old ex Southend and Gillingham defender will add to their options with Wes Parker, Elliot Godfrey and Scott McCubbin all sidelined.

Wealdstone will attempt to put their defeat behind them when they travel to Leiston in the first qualifying round of the FA Trophy this weekend.

Bartlett said: "They are a side that have spent a lot of money and were probably expected to be among the front runners in the

league.
"That's not happened and their manager has resigned but that's not always a good thing for the opponents. On paper they are a very good side."



Wealdstone were thrashed by AFC Hornchurch in the FA Cup.

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