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Harrow start time switched

THE time of Harrow RFC's North West Middlesex Floodlit Cup game with Old Millhillians on Saturday has been moved forward so players and supporters can watch the England match. Harrow's game will now kick off at 12.45pm so it will be finished in time for England's clash with Australia at 2.30pm. Last weekend's friendly with Hatfield was cancelled due to a number of Hatfield players contracting swine flu.

Will Borough bounce back?

HARROW BOROUGH will look to recover from their 2-1 FA Trophy defeat to Wealdstone at home to Ashford Town on Saturday. Harrow are currently only out of the relegation places by goal difference but with his side now out of both the FA Trophy and FA Cup, manager David Howell will be hoping to get a result against 14th-placed Ashford.

New deal for London

MIDDLESEX CCC batsman Adam London has signed a new two-year contract with the club.

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Wealdstone in great shape for their big day

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WEALDSTONE will go into Sunday's huge FA Cup tie with League Two side Rotherham United full of confidence after defeating local rivals Harrow Borough 2-1 in their FA Trophy replay.

A sell out crowd at Grosvenor Vale will be hoping the Stones can extend their unbeaten run to 18 games against promotion-chasing Rotherham, who are currently fifth in League Two.

Stones boss Gordon Bartlett is looking forward to the occasion and said: "This is certainly a huge game in the club's recent history. Once upon a time we were a massive club but in the last 20 years we have been re-building, so in recent history, this is an enormous game.

"It is a something everybody who has worked so hard at the club can really enjoy.

"We are very much underdogs but you never know."

Ronnie Moore's side have only won once in six matches and suffered a blow this week with news that former Middlesbrough midfielder Micky Cummins will be out for up to six weeks with a groin injury.

So it is Wealdstone who go into the game in good form after their 2-1 victory over David Howell's Harrow on Tuesday.

It looked as though Wealdstone had already booked their place in the third qualifying round of the FA Trophy on Saturday when they led Harrow 2-1 thanks to goals from Lee Chappell and Rob Fitzgerald. But former Stones striker Rocky Baptiste forced a replay with a 98th-minute equaliser.

It was Wealdstone who again took the lead on Tuesday night, this time from the spot, when Charlie Mpi was brought down in the box and Ryan Ashe confidently smashed home the penalty.

It was also Mpi who helped his side extend their lead on 65 minutes when the forward was brought down in the box and, this time, Greg Ngoyi applied the finish.

With 18 minutes to go, Harrow had hope of a fightback when Peter Lyall's shot was palmed into the net but Wealdstone held on for the



A shock in mind: Wealdstone will be hoping they are celebrating a famous victory on Saturday after taking on Rotherham United in the first round of the FA Cup.





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