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#### Sarries battle to **Exeter Chiefs win**

SARACENS completed their fourth win in a row after claiming a 17-13 win at Exeter Chiefs in the Premiership. The Men in Black got off to an excellent start when Owen Farrell crossed the line for the first try. Charlie Hodgson scored his second try in as many games before the hosts replied late on through Richard Baxter. Sarries host Newcastle Falcons this weekend.

#### Harrow continue unbeaten run

HARROW RFC maintained their unbeaten Herts Middlesex Two run after a 50-12 win over bottom side Ickenham. Five unanswered tries in the first half put them in complete control with a 33-0 lead. Harrow did not ease up in the second half as they added another three tries. Harrow host Old Abbotstonians this weekend.

#### **Wealdstone to** host youth day

WEALDSTONE have designated this Saturday's home game against Lowestoft Town as their youth day. The club is expecting 16 of their youth teams, including parents, to attend the match at Grosvenor Vale. Up to 250 players and family ranging from Under-7 to U-16 level will be at the game with the U-10 B side providing the half-time entertainment.

## Stones' losing run continues at Cray

#### by Simon Mail

WEALDSTONE slumped to their third defeat in a row after losing 2-1 at Cray Wanderers on Tuesday night.

The Stones had chances to come away with at least a point and were left ruing a controversial decision where Richard Jolly's shot appeared to cross the line but was not given.

Manager Gordon Bartlett handed striker Ricky Miller his first start for the club following his move from Aylesbury Unit-

But it was the hosts who opened the scoring when Lewis Perkins drilled the ball through a crowd of players.

Wealdstone thought they should have been awarded a penalty shortly afterwards when Jolly's shot appeared to hit a defender's arm but the referee was unmoved.

The visitors believed they had equalised early on in the second half through striker Jolly but his effort was ruled to have been cleared off the line.

Wealdstone kept up the pressure and were only denied by the crossbar from Lee Chappell's free-kick.

2-0 down after 73 minutes when James Hammond's pass was intercepted and Jack Clark fired past Jonathan North.

Wealdstone pulled one back within five minutes when Jolly side-footed past the goalkeeper. But the striker saw his injury time shot well saved as the Stones came up just short.

Bartlett's side also suffered a 1-0 defeat at Lewes on Saturday in another highly eventful con-

The winner came from the penalty spot in the first half from Nic Ciardini. But the decision looked harsh on Chris O'Leary after a seemingly excellent challenge in the area.

Peter Dean was sent off ten minutes from time when he was dismissed for a late challenge on the home goalkeeper.

But the Stones were handed a glorious opportunity to salvage a point when Alan Massey was brought down in the area six minutes from time.

However Jolly's penalty was saved by Liam Mitchell.

It does not get any easier for Wealdstone as they entertain Ryman Premier leaders Lowestoft Town on Saturday.



Ricky Miller made his debut for the Stones in their defeat Picture: STEVE FOSTER/WEALDSTONE FC

### Anderson fumes at Leech red card

HARROW BOROUGH manager Dave Anderson hit out at the costly decision to send off Danny Leech in their 5-0 FA Cup defeat at Dartford.

Leech was sent off after just five minutes for a tackle and the Reds unsurprisingly could not cope against the Confer-

ence South front runners.

Anderson said: "We could have gone home at 3.05pm. The tackle he made if it had been ten years ago would have been viewed as the best one of the game. But the powers that be are taking tackling out of the game.

"It was identical to the Jack Rodwell sending off for Everton against Liverpool [later rescinded]. He played the ball early and his momentum carried him into it. It's a big call and a big one to get

"From just one bad decision, the game was killed off. It was very frustrating and from then on it was just a case of how many they scored."

Boro squandered a lead on Tuesday night after they were held to a 1-1 draw at home to Tooting and Mitcham United.

The Reds opened the scoring when Evandro Delgado neatly found the net. But Boro were punished for a catalogue of missed chances as the visitors equalised in the second half.

Anderson added: "If we look at the percentage of play and the chances we had then you have to say we deserved to

"But if you look at the big picture, we just have to be nice and positive about how we are progressing.

"If we get the performances right then the results will come. We're four games unbeaten and it tells you we are moving in the right direction.

Boro's game at Wingate and Finchley has been moved to Tuesday night to avoid a clash with Yom Kippur on Satur-



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