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Sarries sunk by late Tigers kick

SARACENS suffered their first defeat for three months after a late Geordan Murphy drop goal fired Leicester Tigers to a 20-19 victory. The Men in Black led through Neil de Kock's try but an effort from Ed Slater fired the Tigers in front. Alex Goode kicked Sarries 19-17 in front before the late drama. Saracens travel to Worcester tomorrow night.

Harrow storm into last four of Vase

HARROW RFC reached the semi-finals of the National Junior Vase after a 23-3 win over Bec Old Boys. Tries from prop man-of-the-match Sihaloho Sherman helped book a last four meeting with Croydon this Saturday. Harrow are now the lowest ranked side left in the competition for the London divi-

Hornets trio join **Harrow Borough**

HARROW BOROUGH have signed three Watford youngsters on loan. Goalkeeper Jack Bonham made his debut in their draw at Bury Town while midfielder Stephan Hamilton-Forbes came off the bench. The Reds have also brought in defender Aaron Tumwa.

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Heroic Stones pull off Trophy upset

by SIMON MAIL

GORDON BARTLETT described nine-man Wealdstone's shock FA Trophy win over Dartford as one of his best nights at the club.

The Stones overcame all the odds after having Chris O'Leary and Connor Smith sent off to defeat the Conference South club 1-0 on Tuesday night.

The Stones boss said: "I think in the circumstances, after going down to nine men, it was one of the great nights I've had at the club. To have two players sent off with 25 minutes to go made it all the more satisfying because it was hard enough as it was.

"Defensively we were magnificent and the way we played as a team was a credit to everybody. The fans played their part and it was a fantastic night for the club.

"Enormous thanks must go to the fans. It was just a great day for everyone concerned at the football

The winning goal came after Richard Jolly set up Lee Chappell for a low finish into the corner of the

Wealdstone's task became much harder after 62 minutes when O'Leary was sent off for raising his arms in reaction to a bad challenge from James Rogers.

Dartford lost a player within a

for a late challenge on Peter Dean.

But the Stones had to play more than 20 minutes with just nine men when Smith was shown red for a tackle on Lee Noble.

Bartlett said: "I understand why Chris went because he raised his arms but it was handbags and both guys did it.

There is no way their player should have been sent off in the next incident and I thought the red for Connor was very harsh as well. We felt he won the ball."

Wealdstone's reward for their cup scalp is a trip to Cambridge United on Saturday.

Bartlett knows his side will be big outsiders again at the Conference Premier outfit but believes they can cause another upset.

He added: "It will be a harder

challenge because they are full time and we are away. We're massive underdogs but that hasn't stopped us in the last two rounds. The spirit in the camp is there for all to see. If we go in with the same attitude then it will give us a chance.

"It is fresh in the players' minds so they go in there on the back of a

tremendous performance.
"That will only benefit us and although the players may be a bit tired they will only have good things



Lee Chappell and Connor Smith celebrate the winner against Dartford on Tuesday night. Picture: STEVE FOSTER/WEALDSTONE FC

Reds battle to Bury point

HARROW BOROUGH came away with a 2-2 draw from their trip to Ryman Premier play-off contenders Bury Town.

Boro took the lead, in difficult conditions, after 38 minutes when Jon-Jo Bates chased down a through ball and fired into the net.

But Sam Nunn headed in the equaliser for the hosts on the hour

Bury Town took the lead when Lee Smith converted at the far

But Boro salvaged a point when stand-in striker Michael Barima hit a superb 20-yard strike after 84 minutes

It looked like the hosts would claim the win late on when Lee Reed hit a volley but it was superbly blocked on the line by Marcus Rose.

Reds boss Dave Anderson said: "It was very pleasing to score two goals. Jon-Jo and Michael both got on the scoresheet so this and the overall team performance was a real positive."

Boro return to action this weekend at home to Carshalton Athletic. They are currently languishing in 15th place but the Boro manager believes the opposition are unlikely to remain in this lowly position for long.

Anderson said: "Carshalton

have got a very big budget and I would have to say they're in a false position.

"However I do feel that our squad is starting to look comfortable and I'm much happier with how it is looking.









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