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Harrow stay top after Welsh win

HARROW RFC remain top of Herts Middlesex One after a 29-0 win at London Welsh. Tries from Adam West and Brian O'Malley in the first half gave them a 14-0 lead. Chris West extended the advantage in the second half with an outstanding individual effort. Harrow clinched the bonuspoint victory when Chris Armstrong added the fourth try.

New deal for Sarries director of rugby

SARACENS director of rugby Mark McCall has agreed a new contract until the summer of 2015. The 45-year-old took over during the 2010-11 season and has extended his stay at the Premiership club. Coaches Alex Sanderson, Paul Gustard, Kevin Sorrell and Dan Vickers have also committed their future to the Men in Black. Sarries beat Sale Sharks 32-12 in their final league match at Vicarage Road on Sunday.

Middlesex bring in Australian batsman

MIDDLESEX have confirmed the signing of Australian batsman Adam Vogues for their T20 campaign this year. Vogues has made 19 limited over appearances for Australia and currently plays for Melbourne Stars in their domestic T20 competition, The Big Bash.

Stones boss backs side to end winless drought

WEALDSTONE manager Gordon Bartlett insists he still has faith in his players mounting a promotion push despite a winless start to the new year.

The Stones only lost five league games in 2012 but Bartlett's side started January with consecutive defeats and have not won for four matches.

Bartlett said: "I have trusted these players for the last two years and they have taken the club to sixth and fourth place in the last few years so why should that change now?

"It is important that the players believe in themselves and they remain focused on our target which is to reach the play-offs.

Wealdstone were facing the prospect of three defeats in a row after falling behind at Hastings United on Tuesday night but the visitors deservedly equalised through Alex Dyer in the second half.

It was an important point for the Stones having lost 2-0 at Kingstonian at the weekend.

Bartlett was encouraged by the fightback and felt his side were much improved from the one which limply lost on Sat-

The manager commented: "Once Kingstonian scored after an hour, our application was found wanting. That performance wasn't acceptable. It wasn't a case of the opposition outplaying us but more about our own inadequacies.

"But the good news is our reaction to going 1-0 down to Hastings was positive and I thought the performance warranted the three points.

"It is not just about results. Over the course of the season if our performances are where we want them to be then this will take us to our target."

The Stones will be without striker Richard Jolly, due to his stag weekend, on Saturday when they host Bognor Regis Town. The visitors are just two places and one point off Wealdstone in the Ryman Premier table.

Bartlett said: "Bognor are a very good side and they play football in the right way. But if we want to make something of the season then these are the sorts of games we need to win.



Lee Chappell attacks during the Stones' defeat to Kingstonian at the Picture: STEVE FOSTER/WEALDSTONE FC

Borough's drop fears increase

HARROW BOROUGH's relegation fears worsened after a damaging 2-1 home defeat to fellow strugglers Wingate & Finch-

The loss pushed Wingate above them and left Dave Ander-Ryman Premier table.

Boro made a slow start to the contest and were punished when Wayne O'Sullivan's cross was finished neatly by Anthony

Anderson's side grabbed an equaliser in the 24th minute when Rob Wolleaston pulled the ball back for Saheed Sankoh to slide it into the net.

The hosts gave themselves a mountain to climb ten minutes into the second half when a terrible pass from James Burgess set up a Wingate attack and Elvijs Putnins was sent off for handling the ball outside the penalty area.

Danny Leech took over in goal and the defender made a superb save to turn O'Sullivan's effort onto the post.

But Leech was unable to stop Wingate from netting the winner after 66 minutes when O'Sullivan fired the ball past him.

The hosts were unable to put Wingate under late pressure and it was the visitors who came closest to scoring through another O'Sullivan effort.

Wingate's win ensured they picked up maximum points over Boro this season.

Boro travel to Metropolitan Police this weekend as they search for a badly needed result and a first away victory since



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