

Wealdstone keep pace with leaders after Dulwich win

Wealdstone manager Gordon Bartlett believes his side sent out a message to their promotion rivals after a 4-1 win at Dulwich Hamlet.

The Stones picked up their fifth consecutive win in the Ryman Premier Division to put them second and only three points behind AFC Hornchurch with three games in hand.

A stunning individual goal from Glen Little stole the plaudits but the manager was quick to praise his entire side.

Bartlett said: "Glen Little will take all the plaudits but he won't be the hero unless the ten others all do their jobs. I've got nothing but praise for all of them."

"I think we've sent a message to the rest of the league. I've heard nothing but good things about Dulwich."

"I am very confident that no-one else will do that to Dulwich this season. They are one of the best footballing teams in the league. They were very impressive but we played exceptionally well on the counter-attack."

He added: "The work ethic was a credit to them and they were rewarded with an outstanding win."

"The way we set up and stuck to our tactical gameplan was superb and it was a very professional performance."

Luke Pigden's 34th minute effort fired the Stones in front before Little floated an effort from the left into the corner of the net.

The former Reading and Portsmouth winger then produced a moment of magic as he dribbled with the ball from



Glen Little scored a stunning individual goal in the Stones' win at Dulwich Hamlet on Saturday.

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deep inside his own half before chipping over the keeper.

Bartlett said: "The goal was of the highest quality. His awareness to chip the keeper was fantastic."

"The reaction from the bench summed it up when all of us stood up and walked onto the pitch applauding and gasping with appreciation."

"It was right up there and I don't

think I've seen an individual goal like that. It was a phenomenal piece of skill and awareness."

Dulwich pulled one back before Scott McGleish, who missed out on the Enfield Town managerial job, headed home from close range.

Wealdstone reached the quarter-final of the Middlesex Senior Cup after a 4-3 win on penalties against Uxbridge.

The Stones drew 2-2 after extra-time with goals from Pigden and Chris Moore.

Bartlett's side host lowly Met Police this weekend as they look to maintain their winning run in the league.

The Stones boss said: "We are taking nothing for granted and we'll treat every team with the same respect otherwise we'll catch a cold."

Reds denied by Bognor

Harrow Borough were unable to find a breakthrough against Bognor Regis Town in their goalless draw on Saturday.

Home keeper James Shea was called into action early on against Bognor to deny Ollie Pearce.

The Reds created their first chance of the game when Steve Butterworth broke clear but fired his effort over the bar.

Rob Wolleaston went close for Dave Anderson's side but his shot was saved by keeper Mark Zawadski.

Boro had the best chance of the opening period but Callum Willock tamely side-footed the ball at Zawadski.

Terry Dodd fired in a fierce strike in the second half which forced Shea into an excellent save.

Zawadski then made his best reaction stop of the game when he pushed away Butterworth's 20-yard strike.

Boro's Victor Osobu, who was booked for dissent earlier on, received a second yellow card when he handled the ball.

This left the home side down to ten men for the final 20 minutes. But in truth Boro were still just as likely to get a goal as their opponents despite the numerical disadvantage.

Anderson's side had one last scare when the visitors fired in a shot which beat the keeper but substitute Adam Louth managed to clear the ball off the line.

The Reds resume their league campaign on Saturday with a trip to Grays Athletic.

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