

Stones climb up to second with tight Kingstonian win

Wealdstone moved into second spot in the Ryman Premier after they recorded a 1-0 win against fellow promotion chasers Kingstonian.

The contest was even throughout and both sides had chances. Scott McGleish threatened early on but Stones' goalkeeper Jonathan North was also busy and he denied Andre McCollin.

The deadlock was broken in the 20th minute as Tom Pett's pass found McGleish and he moved into space before shooting past Rob Tolfrey.

McGleish should have doubled his tally when Aaron Goode's careless pass put the veteran striker through on goal but he lashed a first-time effort well off target.

Another chance went begging for the visitors early in the second period. Glen Little released Johnny Wright and his first-time pass gave Pett a good opportunity but he fired wide.

Kingstonian then enjoyed their best spell of the game and came close to levelling.

McCollin found space outside the box and his shot went past North but finished up the wrong side of the far post. Jerome Okimo then did brilliantly to steal the ball off McCollin's toe and the intense pressure from the home side eased.

Wealdstone did have opportunities to the kill the game off. McGleish headed wide when unmarked ten yards out from a superb Little cross and Sean Cronin saw a penalty saved by Tolfrey after McGleish was adjudged to have been tripped by the goalkeeper.

The Stones came under pressure in the final stages but they survived a last-gasp goalmouth scramble and held out to seal victory.

On Saturday, Wealdstone were left to rue a number of missed chances as they were held to a 1-1 draw by Met Police.

The Stones went ahead after 16 minutes as Pett set up Wright and he poked the ball past Billy Granger.

Met Police levelled however as Charlie Collins



Wealdstone's Scott McGleish celebrates scoring the winning goal against Kingstonian.

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lobbed North after the goalkeeper had been sold short by Cronin's poor back pass.

The game was level at the interval and opportunities were wasted in the second period. McGleish fired a volley over after Pett had drawn a fine save from Granger.

The Met defended stoically for the remainder

of the match and were able to secure a battling draw.

"It was very frustrating," Stones boss Gordon Bartlett admitted. "Once they equalised they had belief and made it difficult for us. Their goal completely changed the game and they defended well and worked hard to keep the point."

Borough out in extra-time

Harrow Borough are out of the Middlesex Senior Cup after losing 1-0 to Staines Town in extra-time on Tuesday night.

Harrow put on a valiant display against their Skrill Conference South opponents, who are also the tournament holders, with the game finishing goalless after normal time.

It was difficult for players to see in the fog but Staines started the better team and they almost opened the scoring when Dan Brown took on a right-wing cross first time but his effort whistled just wide of the target.

Harrow's Shaun Lucien shot wide after being fed by Simeon Akinola's header and Saheed Sankok also missed the target shortly before half-time.

Borough enjoyed a strong spell of pressure in the second half.

Akinola and then Adam Louth's free-kick drew good saves but neither team could score the decisive goal and the game went to extra-time.

Three minutes into the extra half-hour however, Staines took the lead.

Steph Ngamvoulou's long-range effort crashed down off the bar before hitting James Shea on the back and rolling into the net for an own-goal.

Harrow pressed hard to take the game to penalties.

Calum Willock almost did so as he met Louth's cross but his shot drifted wide of the far post.

Borough will take a lot of confidence from their resilient performance when they return to Ryman Premier Division action at home to Bury Town on Saturday.

Harrow's strong away record, which saw them go unbeaten on their travels since August, took a knock in a 2-0 defeat at Grays Athletic last weekend.

Borough are 16th in the table.

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