

Stones determined to get one over promotion rivals

Wealdstone manager Gordon Bartlett insists he feels his side owe promotion rivals Maidstone United this weekend.

The Stones are currently second in the Ryman Premier Division and will host fifth-placed Maidstone United on Saturday.

But Wealdstone have faced them three times already this season and have yet to beat them, losing to them in an FA Trophy replay and drawing in the league.

Bartlett said: "We have played them three times and I feel that we owe them one."

"They are a very good side but in the three previous games I felt we had the upper hand although the results tell you otherwise. We will do everything in our power to turn that around this Saturday."

The Stones boss added: "I have a lot of respect for them. Their record speaks for itself and I just hope that we can edge it on Saturday. But it will certainly be another close encounter."

Wealdstone kept within two points of leaders AFC Hornchurch after an impressive 3-1 win at sixth-placed Bognor Regis Town on Saturday.

The visitors took the lead after 18 minutes when Glen Little won the ball and fired past keeper Mark Zawadski.

Wealdstone made it 2-0 when an incisive pass from Little enabled Tom Pett to find the net.



The Stones players celebrate a goal during their win at Bognor Regis Town.

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The Stones punished Bognor with their third goal after an hour when Jerome Okimo released Jonny Wright and he hammered a shot past Zawadski.

Bognor Regis managed to get a late consolation through Terry Dodd.

Bartlett said: "We have played the top sides away from home in the league and come through unscathed. This can only keep the momentum and confidence going."

"Bognor are a good footballing side but the work ethic of the players is excellent and there is a very good

spirit."

Bartlett, whose side have only lost once this season in the league, added: "Confidence is obviously very good at the moment. We are pleased with the foundations but we've only played 20 games so we're not getting carried away."

Reds crash to home defeat

Harrow Borough suffered their third consecutive defeat after losing 2-0 at home to Bury Town in the Ryman Premier Division.

The Reds failed to find the net for the fourth match in a row after a disappointing performance at Earlsmead.

The hosts had a couple of early chances to take the lead but Callum Willock fired over before his effort was saved by Marcus Garnham.

This was as good as it got in the first half for Dave Anderson's side and they fell behind in the 15th minute.

Rob Wollleston failed to clear the ball after a Bury Town attack and the visitors took full advantage to open the scoring as Adam Bailey-Dennis netted from close range.

Boro had a couple of opportunities early on in the second half but Steve Butterworth fired over the bar while Wollleston was denied by Garnham.

Manager Anderson was then sent from the touchline after the referee took exception to a comment he made.

It got even worse for the hosts when they were reduced to ten men when Daniel Cunningham robbed James Shea of the ball and the goalkeeper brought down his opponent in the area.

Shea was dismissed and Danny Leech was forced to take over in goal but the defender was unable to save Billy Clark's penalty.

The Reds kept going and went close through Michael Peacock but his header was cleared off the line.

Boro will look to end their losing run at Billericay Town on Saturday before hosting Met Police on Boxing Day during the busy festive period.

Anderson's side follow this up with a trip to highflying Kingstonian next Saturday when they will have to cope without the suspended Shea.

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