

Stones land derby honours

Wealdstone strengthened their promotion bid after easing to a 3-0 derby win over Harrow Borough on Monday night.

The Stones are four points behind Ryman Premier Division leaders Dulwich Hamlet in the table but Gordon Bartlett's side have three games in hand.

It extended Wealdstone's unbeaten run to seven but the side now face a tough run of four successive away league matches.

Boro got off to a fast to the clash and could have easily taken an early lead.

Neat interplay set up Harold Odametey and he fired past Jonathan North but Sean Cronin managed to block the goal-bound effort.

The hosts grew into the contest and created the first opportunity when Jerome Okimo sent in a cross but Elliot Godfrey fired high and wide.

Wealdstone grabbed the opening goal after 15 minutes when Okimo sent in a cross and Michael Malcolm headed past James Shea.

The Reds were fortunate to escape falling further behind after Tom Pett struck a shot against the crossbar.

Boro keeper Shea made an excellent save to keep out a Pett shot as Wealdstone took control of the contest.

Bartlett's side added a second goal two minutes after the restart when James Hammond sent in a cross and Godfrey got a touch on the ball to divert it



Wealdstone celebrate their comprehensive home win over rivals Harrow Borough in Monday's derby. Picture: STEVE FOSTER/WEALDSTONE FC

past Shea.

Adam Louth went close from a free-kick but North managed to save the effort.

Wealdstone's third goal killed off the match midway through the second half when Shea was caught out after Luke Pigden's cross went into the net.

A miserable evening for the Reds was sealed late on when Louth was sent off for a second

yellow card after clattering into Godfrey.

The Stones had to settle for a 1-1 draw at home to Hendon on Saturday in the league.

Wealdstone struggled to find their fluency and the visitors deservedly led through Tony Taggart's strike.

But the Stones salvaged a point with just seven minutes left when Jonny Wright netted.

Bartlett's side head to Margate this weekend.

Dave Anderson's Boro edged to a 3-2 win at home to Hampton & Richmond Borough on Saturday.

Goals from Shaun Lucien, Simeon Akinola and Anthony Maissiat fired them to a welcome three points.

Boro visit Wingate & Finchley on Saturday.

Smith extends unbeaten run with stoppage win

He wanted a "top performance" on his return to the ring and that is what Mitchell Smith delivered in his first bout for five months.

A hand injury had kept Smith out since October but he came back in style on Saturday as he knocked out Welsh champion Mark Evans in the second round at York Hall.

The Harrow Weald boxer, who is a former Bushey Boxing Club fighter, was sharp and accurate with his punches as he extended his unbeaten record as a professional to eight wins.

Smith was well supported at York Hall after selling out his allocation of 400 and he gave his fans plenty of reasons to cheer.

The 21-year-old landed several impressive right hands in an opening round he dominated.

His trainer Jason Rowland stressed the importance of Smith remaining patient in the corner after the initial three minutes but the contest was over halfway through the second round.

A powerful right hand to the body set Evans on his way to the canvas as another right landed on the Welshman's head.

Smith's opponent carried on but once again a strong right sent him over and this time, whilst he beat the count, referee Jeff Hinds ended the contest.

Evans (now 9-1-1) was angry and some questioned whether the stoppage was early but Smith was almost certainly on his way to a stoppage victory, the fourth of his career.

Smith expects to be back in the ring on April 12 as part of a show at the Copper Box Arena.



Mitchell Smith celebrates his win. Picture: ACTION IMAGES

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