

'We believe we're the best'

Wealdstone striker Scott McGleish believes the Stones are the best side in the division and is determined to fire them to the double this season.

The Stones are third in the Ryman Premier Division but have five games in hand on the two sides above them.

Gordon Bartlett's side also host Harefield United tonight [Thursday] in their Middlesex Senior Cup semi-final so two trophies are well within their sights.

McGleish said: "We believe we're the best team in the division. That doesn't mean you go up because the best team doesn't always win it."

"But we believe we're strongly in there and results have really gone our way this weekend with everyone losing."

"We believe we can be up there and get that top spot. It would be nice to finish off with a little double with winning the Middlesex Cup as well."

The Stones' latest league matches against Margate and East Thurrock United were postponed due to waterlogged pitches this week.

Speaking after Saturday's postponement at Margate, McGleish said: "It's another game in hand. You'd rather have points on the board than games in hand but at least it's a match where the others haven't picked up any points on us."

Many people claim the title looks to be Wealdstone's to lose now, with all their games in hand, but the manager does not agree with this.

Bartlett said: "I've read quotes saying it is our title to lose but I don't necessarily go along with that."

"We will take nothing for granted and just concentrate on getting more



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points than the other teams."

Wealdstone will face a punishing schedule during the run-in and admits it will be a challenge for the promotion contenders.

Bartlett said: "It's very frustrating because it means we will have three games a week for the rest of the season."

"The good thing is we haven't played for two games and all of the

top sides have got beaten. If people falter it will only help us on our way."

"But it's all about us being professional, doing our job and not getting complacent."

Wealdstone have the incentive of getting past Harefield because the final will take place at their ground.

Bartlett said: "The league is the priority but we want to win every match and it would be nice to win a

trophy."

The Stones are scheduled to return to league action this weekend with a trip to Carshalton Athletic and then visit Wingate & Finchley on Tuesday night.

Bartlett said: "They are two sides towards the bottom but that doesn't make a blind bit of difference and we will treat them like any other opponents."

Reds respond to 'awful' defeat

Harrow Borough manager Dave Anderson was encouraged by his side's response against Margate after an "awful performance" in their defeat to Wingate & Finchley.

The Reds slumped to a 3-1 loss in the Ryman Premier Division on Saturday but were much improved despite only holding Margate to a 0-0 draw on Tuesday night.

Anderson said: "We were awful on Saturday and it was our worst performance for a long time."

"There is no rhyme or reason why we performed that badly."

"I was expecting a reaction and fortunately we got that on Tuesday when we were unfortunate not to win the game."

The Reds' consolation at Wingate came through a first-half penalty from Victor Osobu but there was little else to get excited about.

Anderson said: "The performances have been steady recently so that came out of the blue."

"You have to remember they are part-time footballers and there is the saying that the only consistency is inconsistency. You have to expect it to happen from time to time and the important thing is how you react."

Boro face a League Cup quarter-final at Ware this evening [Thursday] but Anderson is preparing to make changes.

He said: "I will make 11 changes if I can. If I'm being honest, then the league is the priority and at this time of year we need to utilise the squad."

"We need to rest players and we have got some injuries and fatigue as well so we'll have to make full use of the squad."

After the cup tie, the Reds face back-to-back games against struggling Enfield Town.

Anderson said: "We won't be taking them lightly. Every side is capable of beating each other in this division but it's a very important time in the season for us."

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