

'There is still more to come'

Wealdstone boss Gordon Bartlett insists there is still a lot more to come from his side despite reaching a cup final and moving top of the league.

The Stones are through to the Middlesex Senior Cup final against Hampton & Richmond Borough after thrashing Harefield United 4-0.

Bartlett's side have also climbed into first place in the Ryman Premier Division after victories over Carshalton Athletic and Wingate & Finchley.

Bartlett said: "We have scored ten goals and conceded two in our last three games without playing particularly well. We have a lot of mental strength and a desire to succeed.

"I think there is more to come and we are confident we can drive on from here. We should thrive on it.

"It's all about bringing the best out of the squad and we are striving to improve."

Wealdstone have opened up a two-point advantage at the top of the league but significantly have four games in hand over second-placed Dulwich Hamlet.

Bartlett said: "Everybody would prefer to be in our position. It's up to us to see the job through in the last third of the season.

"Everyone is looking at us now and we're the ones they all want to beat. We have to cope with that and it's exactly what we've done in the last three games."

The Stones' most recent victory came in a 2-0 win at Wingate & Finchley on Tuesday night.

Mark Bentley fired the visitors in front before Carl McCluskey sealed the points two minutes into the sec-



The Stones climbed to the top of the table after their midweek win.

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ond half.

Bartlett said: "We started slowly and Wingate definitely had the better of the first 20 minutes. But after we got the goals we were comfortable in the second half."

The victory was their second away success of the week after a 4-2 win at Carshalton Athletic.

Michael Malcolm and Stefan Bailey netted braces for the Stones at

Colston Avenue.

Bartlett said: "We started well and scored after just two minutes but after that we were lethargic and flat. I'm not sure why but it felt a bit like an end of season game.

"It was 2-2 at the break but we scored after half-time and it knocked the stuffing out of them. In the end, we won comfortably."

The Stones host East Thurrock

United this weekend before travelling to Hendon on Monday night.

Bartlett, who is set to be without Bailey due to an eye injury and Malcolm because of an eye condition, said: "We know that they will be two very difficult games. East Thurrock will be tough while Hendon were the better team when we last played them. I think they're a very good side."

Reds' penalty miss costly in defeat

Harrow Borough slumped to a disappointing 1-0 defeat at struggling Enfield Town after a missed penalty proved costly in the Ryman Premier Division on Tuesday night.

The Reds were held to a 1-1 draw at home to the Towners on Saturday, when Simeon Akinola scored their goal, but it was a frustrating return match at Donkey Lane.

Enfield made a bright start and forced Boro keeper James Shea into a couple of important saves.

Boro opened the scoring after 29 minutes after a mistake from Shea. He dropped the ball and Corey Whitely took full advantage as he fired into the empty net. It got worse for the visitors when Akinola was forced off before the break with an injury following a collision.

Boro went close on the break when Victor Osobu beat several defenders but he blasted his shot past the post.

The Reds wasted a chance to equalise from the spot late on but Osobu's penalty was saved by Noel Imber.

Dave Anderson's side will be looking to halt their run of five consecutive defeats on the road this weekend when they visit third bottom Thamesmead Town.

Harrow retain cup

Harrow Lawn Tennis Club have won the Mixed Middlesex Cup for the second year in a row.

Team captain Wendy Driver led the side for the final time and has helped them win promotion Division One this season.

The players that received medals for their performance in the cup were Mick Hooker, Pete Rutland, Chris James, James Kavanagh and Mark Wass.

Other performers in the team were Alissa Ayling, Trine Juliussen, Elena Synesi, Janet Mizel and Tracey Woolf.

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