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FOOTBALL: Wealdstone's wait for win goes on Stones have not been unlucky, says Bartlett

WEALDSTONE boss Gordon Bartlett refuted the claim his side were unlucky in a 2-1 home defeat by Ebbsfleet United on Saturday and stressed he could have no complaints over the result.

Summer signing Bradley Hudson-Odoi put the Stones ahead in the first half – the first goal the Fleet had conceded in 355 minutes – but second-half efforts from Jordan Parkes and Danny Kedwell saw the Kent side to victory.

Reflecting on a fourth defeat from five games in the National League South, Bartlett said: "I think 'unlucky' has been thrown our way a few times but we were not.

"We edged the first half and went 1-0 up and we were looking to try to maintain that with our confidence high. The way we set up with three up front caused them problems.

"But they made a change at half time and scored within three minutes which put us on the back foot." Bartlett continued: "We went in as underdogs and gave a good account of ourselves but we have no complaints about the outcome.

"We have competed in every game but we have just one point. We have got to find a result from

By Tom Bodell

somewhere sooner or later. There is enough to feel positive about after five games.

"You tend to look at the league table after 10 games and we are half-way there so we need to produce something in the next five games."

The Stones will be without goalkeeper Jon North for Saturday's trip to Sutton United, due to suspension, but have signed Chesham United stopper Shane Gore on a dual registration.

"We played a friendly against Farnborough on Tuesday night to give him the chance to play with the lads. He was talking non-stop and that experience is crucial," said Bartlett.

"I could have signed a young lad but I felt we needed that bit of experience and I am delighted to have him."

Leaving Grosvenor Vale in search of first-team football is Ryan Case. The defender joined on the eve of the new season to provide defensive cover.

Ryan Watts should return from injury for Saturday's trip to the Borough Sports Ground.



Bradley Hudson-Odoi opens the scoring for Wealdstone against Ebbsfleet United on Saturday. Picture: Steve Foster/Wealdstone FC

Borough seal first victory

CHARLES-SMITH'S GOAL ENOUGH FOR HARROW TO BEAT BRENTWOOD TOWN

HARROW Borough picked up their first win of the Isthmian Premier Division season, extending their unbeaten start to three games in the process, with a 1-0 win over Brentwood Town on Saturday.

A header from captain Marc Charles-Smith separated the two sides and pushed Steve Baker's Boro side up to 15th place.

The visitors, managed by former Wimbledon striker Dean Holdsworth, went close in the second minute but Shad Ngandu saw his effort kept out well by Reds keeper Ben Goode.

It was then the turn of Brentwood's Martyn Guest to block from Lewis Driver after the away side's goalkeeper had misplaced a weak clearance.

The winner arrived just after the half-hour mark when Joshua Webb curled in a cross which was glanced home by the head of Charles-Smith, the striker's second in as many games.

Boro were fortunate not to concede an equaliser after the restart but held form and might have snatched a second when Charles-Smith prodded over from the corner of the six yard box.

Harrow have drawn the winner of the FA Cup preliminary round tie between Aylesbury United and Northwood in the first qualifying round.

The Reds went to Burgess Hill Town on Wednesday.

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