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WEALDSTONE may send players out on loan

Stones boss wants to reduce size of squad

WEALDSTONE manager Gordon Bartlett admits his squad is too big to keep everyone happy and expects to make changes over the next few weeks.

The Stones are third bottom in the National League South after a slow start to the season but Bartlett believes he has too many players and is considering letting some of the squad move on.

Bartlett said: "We got to this stage last year and decided to move one or two on. Everybody has now had an opportunity and we need to make a few decisions."

"There will be one or two changes in the next few weeks. We can't carry the depth of squad we have at the moment. It's certainly too big to keep everyone happy so we may move a few out on loan."

Wealdstone were held to their second successive goalless draw in the league on Saturday after failing to break down Chelmsford City.

It leaves the Stones two places above bottom side Basingstoke Town ahead of their trip this weekend.

Bartlett said: "We are in a situation where we have slipped into the bottom three. I don't think we de-

By Simon Mail

serve to be there but we have only picked up six points this season.

"I am confident we will pick up points over the next month and sincerely hope that includes three on Saturday."

"But judging by the possession they had at St Albans on Monday they are not going to be pushovers."

The Stones had no problems scoring on Tuesday night after thrashing CB Hounslow United 9-0 in the Middlesex Senior Charity Cup.

Connor Calcutt scored five times while Jefferson Louis netted a hat-trick and Dan Brown was also on target.

Bartlett said: "Goalscorers love to score and getting five goals and a hat-trick cannot do any harm. But we are not getting carried away because there was a huge difference in standard."

Defender Tom Cadmore and midfielder Dale Binns also stepped up their fitness after injury lay-offs.

Wealdstone have been drawn at home to Biggleswade Town on Saturday, September 26 in the second qualifying round of the FA Cup.

Borough suffer FA Cup exit

REDS KNOCKED OUT OF COMPETITION AFTER NORTHWOOD HOME DEFEAT

HARROW Borough manager Steve Baker insists his side paid the price for not being clinical after Northwood dumped them out of the FA Cup on Tuesday night.

The Reds were held to a goalless draw in the first qualifying round of the competition on Saturday but were beaten 1-0 at home in Tuesday's replay after a 91st-minute winner from Myles Stephenson.

Baker said: "We missed some really good chances and you just felt that they might nick it late on. Ultimately we paid the price for not being clinical."

"I wasn't overly disappointed with the performance but for all the possession we had we just didn't test the goalkeeper enough."

Baker admitted the chance of boosting the club's financial position was the biggest disappointment from their early exit.

He said: "My biggest disappointment is walking in and seeing all the people working here because, had we got through, it could have brought much-needed money into the club. You feel like you have let them down even though we gave it a go. We just didn't do quite enough to win."

The Reds visit Needham Market in the Ryman Premier Division this weekend.

Baker said: "We can't feel sorry for ourselves and need to bounce back."



The Stones could be ready to offload some players over the next few weeks.
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