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## WEALDSTONE: Streak continues in cup games Bartlett not satisfied despite unbeaten run

GORDON Bartlett isn't reading too much into Wealdstone's ten-match unbeaten run because he still believes performances can be better.

The Stones advanced final quali-fying round of the FA Cup on Saturday with a 5-1 win at Wessex League side Brockenhurst on Saturday before coming from 2-0 down to beat Edgware Town 3-2 in the Middlesex Charity Cup on Tuesday

He said: "It's easy to sit back and say 'ten games unbeaten – that's great' but it isn't.

"At half-time in the last few games things have been pointed out and we've had the desired response.

"I'm still saying it. The performances could have been better sometimes.

"A lot of players were playing for the first time this season on Tues-day night and you'd expect them to be looking to impress but they were very lacklustre. In the end we scraped through." Bartlett added: "My question is

things are said prior to the game but don't happen. On Tuesday night we showed character and desire but where was it in the first half?

**By Tom Bodell** 

The Stones fell 2-0 behind to goals from Jack Smith and Jay Molloy. But two quickfire goals after the break from Josh Hutchinson and Michael Corcoran dragged the Stones level at The Vale.

Shaun Lucien then bagged the winner before Paul Marks was dismissed for a second bookable offence, a high challenge on Athanasios Lampernakis.

The Stones moved within one victory of the FA Cup first round proper on Saturday as they swept aside Brockenhurst to set up a fourth qualifying round tie against Bognor Regis Town.

Reflecting on the win, Bartlett said: "It was a long journey which wasn't the greatest. But there was lots of enthusiasm from their side but our superiority told."

Jefferson Louis, Tom Hamblin, Scott Davies, Johnny Wright and an own goal sent the Stones through but Davies' caught the eye. He picked the ball up in his own half, saw the keeper off his line and lashed in from 75 yards.

Stones go to Havant & Waterlooville on Saturday.



Wealdstone celebrate Tom Hamblin's goal in the demolition of Brockenhurst on Saturday. Picture: STEVE FOSTER/WEALDSTONE FC

## Smith is keen on Josh fight

**BOXING WBO SUPER-FEATHERWEIGHT CHAMPION EYES WARRINGTON BOUT** 

HARROW puncher Mitchell Smith is eyeing a shot at European and Commonwealth featherweight champion Josh Warrington but knows he wouldn't take the fight. WBO European and Inter-Conti-

nental super-featherweight cham-pion Smith (13-0) was named Boxing Writers' Young Boxer of the Year on Monday night. Speaking to Sky Sports, the 22-year-

old revealed his wish to face the unbeaten Warrington (22-0).

He said: "I'll be looking to have my first fight at featherweight in early January. It's time for me to take that step now.

"I'd love to fight Josh Warrington but let's be honest he's not going to take the fight. I'm all wrong for him as a fighter and I would hit him at will. It would be like hitting a punchbag that has a guard and as soon as I get through that guard I'll be doing some serious damage.

"It's not worth talking about right now but fingers crossed in time it will happen. There's an interest-ing rivalry there that's building up nicely and hopefully at some stage we can get it on for the British public because they'd love to see that fight." Smith next fights at Harrow Leisure Centre on Friday, October 30 with younger brother Jez on the undercard after signing a three-year

deal with Frank Warren.





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