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WEALDSTONE face Colchester in FA Cup clash

Stones boss Bartlett fancies a giant-killing

WEALDSTONE boss Gordon Bartlett insists the club are not ready to settle for reaching the first round of the FA Cup as they bid to pull off a giant-killing against Colchester United.

The Stones have home advantage on Saturday against their League One opponents. Bartlett's side are big underdogs but have won their last seven matches and will head into the cup tie with momentum.

Bartlett said: "It's already a media circus but if we can achieve a giantkilling then we can take it a step further.

"Every non-league club dreams of a big tie and we still have that dream. We don't want to just settle for the first round so hopefully we can take it another step further."

Colchester are currently 16th in League One but Bartlett still believes his team can cause an upset.

He said: "It is highly unlikely playing a team of full time professionals three divisions higher. It's going to be tough but we are at home and if we get the atmosphere right and a bit of luck then who knows?"

The Stones got off to a slow start to the season but a 13-game unbeat-

By Simon Mail

en run stretching back to the end of August and seven consecutive victories have set them up perfectly for the Colchester tie.

Bartlett said: "Over the last two months our results have been so much better. We are 13 games unbeaten going into the biggest game we've had for many a year. It is the ideal preparation and the mindset is very positive."

The Stones pulled off their best league win of the season after winning 3-2 at National League South leaders Ebbsfleet on Saturday.

New signing Matty Harriott, who has joined from Hemel Hempstead Town, enjoyed a superb debut and the midfielder scored with his first touch after netting a memorable strike.

Danny Haynes headed in the equaliser before Harriott scored again to restore Wealdstone's lead.

Matt Godden made it 2-2 but Jefferson Louis struck the winner.

Bartlett said: "We have had a fantastic result scoring three goals against the favourites for the league. You don't get much better preparation than that."



The Stones face a huge FA Cup clash against Colchester United this weekend.
Picture: STEVE FOSTER/WEALDSTONE FC

Hounslow picked for Rio games

HARROW CANOEIST TO COMPETE FOR TEAM GB IN BRAZIL OLYMPICS

HARROW-born Richard Hounslow has been selected to compete for Team GB at next summer's Rio Olympic Games.

Hounslow is one of four canoe slalom athletes to have been chosen to compete in Brazil. The other team members are David Florence, Fiona Pennie and Joe Clarke.

He said: "I feel super proud to be selected to represent Team GB in Rio. It was incredibly special to win silver in my home town at my first Olympics and I'm now 100 per cent focused on going one better in Brazil."

Team GB's slalom canoeists have claimed seven medals over the last six Olympic Games – one gold, five silver and one bronze – since the sport was introduced consistently on the Olympic Programme at Barcelona 1992.

On home waters at London 2012, Team GB came away with its first ever Olympic canoe slalom gold, following a podium one-two, with Etienne Stott and Tim Baillie taking the win over Florence and Hounslow by the smallest of margins (0.36 seconds).

Team GB canoeing team leader John Anderson said: "Our athletes have been tested throughout a long and challenging season and I am confident we have selected one of our strongest teams ever, with a huge depth of experience of competing and winning medals at the highest level."

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