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FOOTBALL: Three points despite injury to captain

Wealdstone seal win after late comeback

WEALDSTONE earned their first victory of the new year after edging to a 2-1 victory at Dartford on Tuesday night.

It was an unlikely result for Gordon Bartlett's side after they trailed during the second half. The victory takes the Stones up to 15th in the National League South table.

Dartford almost took the lead through Andy Pugh but he poked his effort across the face of the goal. Pugh continued to threaten and was denied by a save from goalkeeper Joe Taylor.

The visitors suffered a major setback when captain Tom Hamblin was stretched off the pitch after suffering a potentially serious leg injury.

Dartford kept the pressure on and Pugh saw his header superbly saved by Taylor.

The home side thought they had taken the lead before the break through Pugh's finish but the goal was chalked off for offside.

But the Stones had no escape six minutes into the second half when Dartford deservedly opened the scoring.

Ryan Hayes picked up the ball out wide and his delivery was neatly

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finished off by the lively Pugh.

The Stones almost pulled level through Scott Davies' long throw but it bounced just past the far post.

Wealdstone were again indebted to the performance of Taylor after he pushed Ebou Adams' strike round the post.

Pugh then spurned a glaring chance when he missed the kick in front of the visitors' goal.

This proved costly for the home side as the Stones levelled the contest within a minute.

Veteran striker Scott McGleish proved the saviour for Bartlett's side as he fired home the equaliser to stun Dartford.

There was still time for a dramatic winner as substitute Jefferson Louis turned on the edge of the area to net the Stones' decisive second goal.

It was a fine response from the team after they were beaten 3-0 at Eastbourne Borough on Saturday.

Bartlett will hope his side can build on their away victory when they host Hayes & Yeading United this Saturday.



The Stones fought back to claim a 2-1 victory at Dartford on Tuesday night. Picture: STEVE FOSTER/WEALDSTONE FC

Boro lose to Ashford in the cup

LACKLUSTRE DISPLAY FROM HOLDERS SEES THEM FALL TO HEAVY DEFEAT

HARROW Borough's County Cup defence came to a disappointing end after losing 3-0 at Ashford Town (Middlesex) on Tuesday night.

The holders were dumped out of the competition at the quarter-final stage after losing to a side two levels below them.

Bailey Mummery opened the scoring midway through the second half before Jack Beadle made it 2-0.

Ashford Town sealed their victory deep into injury time when Mark Bitmead found the net.

But Boro claimed an impressive 2-1 home win over promotion contenders Billericay Town in the Ryman Premier Division on Saturday.

It certainly did not start off too promisingly though as the visitors grabbed the opening goal.

Jordan Cox picked up the ball and fired a low effort past Brendan Hazlett for the visitors' breakthrough.

But the hosts responded to the setback and equalised after 21 minutes. Harry Newman sent in a free kick and Lewis Driver headed home at the far post.

Harrow grabbed the winning goal four minutes into the second half. Driver held off a couple of challenges and set up Spencer McCall to nod past the visiting keeper.

The Reds face a difficult trip to title challengers Dulwich Hamlet on Saturday.

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