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## STONES: Late comeback ensures precious point Wealdstone hold on for a draw in thriller

WEALDSTONE boss Gordon Bartlett was disappointed by his side's lack of desire in Saturday's 4-4 draw with Basingstoke Town but says it is character which will keep the Stones up.

Despite taking the lead early on through midfielder Matty Harriott, Wealdstone were forced to twice come from two goals down as they rescued a point at Grosvenor Vale.

Further goals from Harriott, Johnny Wright and Marvin Morgan secured a draw in injury time against the side bottom of National League South.

"It was one of frustration really," admitted Bartlett. "Let's take nothing away from Basingstoke. I've watched them a couple of times recently and they have been on the wrong end of close games against top teams.

"My biggest disappointment was a lack of desire - that was how it looked to me," said Bartlett.

"Three of the goals we conceded we gifted them. I was looking for that fight at 3-1 down. In fairness it was 45 minutes too late but we got it in the second half.

"I'm not talking about perfor-

By Tom Bodell

mances, I'm talking about showing a lot of character and that will be what pulls us clear of the relegation battle.

"Those are the things that will see us through."

There was some cause for encouragement for Bartlett though, who added: "That's two defeats in 14 league games now which sounds great but we're drawing too many."

"The good thing about Saturday is we were two goals down twice and fought back."

Next up for the Stones is a trip to Canvey Island to face a Concord Rangers side who are unbeaten in eight and in the play-off hunt.

Wealdstone have enjoyed a number of battles with the Beachboys down the years and Bartlett expects the same on Saturday.

He said: "What do I expect? Exactly the same as we always get from Concord.

"They will give you nothing and it will be a strong, physical battle.

"If we go there on Saturday and win we will be one point behind them and they are having a good season - it's a mentality thing."



(Left to right) Bradley Hudson-Odoi, Jefferson Louis and Johnny Wright celebrate a Stones goal on Saturday. Picture: ALAN PALMER

## Boro's run of defeats continues

**DEBUTING KEEPER FAILS TO STOP SIDE LOSING SIXTH LEAGUE GAME IN A ROW**

HARROW Borough slumped to their sixth straight league defeat, losing 2-1 at Brentwood Town on Tuesday.

Boss Steve Baker drafted in Joe McDonnell on loan from AFC Wimbledon but not even the new goalkeeper could stop Borough's slide down the Ryman League Premier Division table continuing.

He did well to keep out an early Robbie Rees free-kick but was beaten on 23 minutes by the same player after Harrow conceded possession cheaply.

Boro were repeatedly guilty of over complicating things and it was only down to the form of their new keeper that they remained just one goal adrift at half-time.

His saves gave Harrow a real chance in the second half because they had the benefit of a strong wind at their backs. But they failed to take advantage and more sloppy play resulted in the second goal on 54 minutes as Boro's defence switched off to allow Rees his second.

Brentwood continued to force the issue but Harrow did up their game in the final stages and grabbed an injury-time consolation, with Lewis Driver applying the final touch in a scramble.

It was too little, too late though, and Harrow will be desperate for a change of fortune in forthcoming back-to-back home games, against Leiston on Saturday and Grays on Tuesday.

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