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## FOOTBALL: Bartlett's side win twice in three days Stones ease past City to extend strong start

WEALDSTONE kept up their unbeaten start with a pair of victories taking them to sixth in the National League South this week.

The Stones picked up their first home win of the campaign on Saturday, downing Margate 2-1 in a dominant performance with Elliot Benyon and debutant Omar Koroma on target.

They made it two wins from two at Oxford City on Tuesday night, as Gordon Bartlett's troops produced a superb second-half showing to leave Court Place Farm on the right end of a 3-0 triumph.

Bartlett told the Harrow Times in the build-up to the campaign a strong start would be vital to their season – and they already sit seven points ahead of their tally from the last campaign, with only four games on the board.

He named an unchanged side from Saturday's Margate win for their trip to Oxford City, but their momentum fizzled out in the early stages in a drab first half, and neither side looked dangerous enough to threaten an opener.

Tom Hamblin's fluffed clearance needed Jonathan North to spare his blushes after 35 minutes and

By Ron Walker

the Wealdstone keeper saved his mis-kick to keep the scores level.

A half-time team talk from Bartlett seemed to be just what the doctor ordered for the Stones and they were ahead within two minutes of the restart.

Danny Green was the man to make the breakthrough, when a smart touch from Benyon played him through and he slotted calmly beyond Jack Stevens.

Benyon, who has been in scintillating form since arriving at Grosvenor Vale, should have doubled the lead soon after when he again linked up well with Green, but planted a free header straight into the grateful hands of the goalkeeper.

Instead it was Koroma, who only received international clearance to play last Thursday, to add to their advantage, cutting inside and curling the ball beyond Stevens.

There was still time for Benyon to get in on the act, however, and net his fourth goal in as many games, and he turned home Hamblin's cross with 19 minutes to go, in the final chance of note.



The Stones defeated Margate 2-1 at home on Saturday.

Picture: ALAN PALMER

## Canoeing silver for Hounslow

SLALOM DUO 'DELIGHTED' TO REPEAT MEDAL ACHIEVEMENT FROM LONDON

HARROW's Richard Hounslow and partner David Florence won Olympic silver in Rio after finishing narrowly behind Slovakia in the canoe slalom final.

The pair raced third last and were leading the pack when they reached the two time checks along the Brazil course, by as much as a second and a half.

But they eventually finished 0.43 seconds behind the Slovak pairing of Ladislav and Peter Skantar who took gold, after a slower final sector in the race.

Hounslow and Florence had been in fine form to reach the final earlier in the day, setting a third-fastest time of 109.6, before improving to complete the final round in 102.0.

In their second-placed finish, they repeated the feat they first set in earning silver at the London Olympics four years ago.

Hounslow said after the duo finished: "Top to bottom it was a good run. Maybe not perfect but that's the name of the game here.

"We didn't know if it was a medal or not with still two more boats going. To come away with an Olympic medal is a fantastic achievement and we're really proud of it.

"I'm absolutely delighted and now I'm looking forward to cheering on the rest of Team GB for the rest of the Olympics."

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