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FOOTBALL: Side one point outside play-off places Stones bounce back with convincing win

Borough battle to stalemate

WEALDSTONE recovered from a home defeat to early pace-setters Hampton and Richmond with a 3-0 win at Bishop's Stortford on Monday – and now sit just a point off play-off contention.

The Stones had been defeated 4-2 on their own patch in the National League South two days prior to their Bank Holiday victory, when a dreadful first half left them with a mountain to climb, and goals from Eddie Oshodi and Matty Whichelow proved not enough.

But they bounced back to pick up a welcome second win from three on the road – where they remain unbeaten this season – and comfortably keep up the charge manager Gordon Bartlett wanted to challenge for a top-half finish.

Goals from Omar Koroma, Danny Green and another from Oshodi sealed an emphatic win in Hertfordshire, to leave them seventh in the division after seven games.

All three of the Stones' goals came from set pieces, but the visitors also dominated in open play as well. They nearly led inside 90 seconds when Koroma evaded his man to cross for Elliot Benyon, who has enjoyed a rich vein of

By Ron Walker

goalscoring form since joining the club in the summer.

But his header was tipped over by home keeper Joe Wright, and the stopper was again in top form to deny the same man again soon after.

Wealdstone turned their domination into an opening goal in the minutes before the break, when Green's corner found Oshodi, who forced a third strong save from Wright.

But this time there was to be no reprieve for Bishop's, and Koroma tucked home the rebound to steal a half-time lead.

Within ten minutes of the restart they had doubled their advantage, when Green turned from provider to scorer with a 25-yard free kick.

Hampton nearly pulled back a goal but the ball just evaded Jonathan North's bar, before Wealdstone came close themselves, when Benyon was thwarted by a block from Tarik Moore-Azille.

But a third goal would follow, as Oshodi nodded in for his second goal in consecutive games, to seal the victory late on.



The Stones romped to victory over Bishop's Stortford. Picture: ALAN PALMER

SIDE BREAK DONKEY LANE DUCK WITH FIRST POINT IN SIX GAMES AT ENFIELD

HARROW BOROUGH picked up their first point on the road this season and ended a long-standing hoodoo at Enfield Town's Donkey Lane on Bank Holiday Monday.

Harrow had lost all six of their previous visits to the ground – without scoring – and while they could still not muster a goal here, they at least held their hosts to a 0-0 draw.

Harrow had picked up their second win of the season earlier in the weekend against Leatherhead, thanks to an Ibrahim Meite hat-trick, but were made to work for a point at Enfield and saw little in the way of goalmouth opportunities.

Luke Williams had to be alert early on to deny Harry Ottaway and soon after he was again off his line, this time to dive at the feet of the home midfielder.

Harrow responded, as Max Holland looked to find space for a shot in the penalty area, but was denied by a wall of defenders.

Soon after, Harry Newman's free-kick was palmed away by the home goalkeeper and David Taylor was off target from the team's corner that followed.

Meite saw far less of the ball in advanced positions than he had in the previous game, but after winning the ball back wide on the right he had a chance to add to his tally – but could only shoot wide of the target.

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