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## FOOTBALL: Truro battle back to take three points Stones' second-half display proves costly

ELLIOT Benyon's 11th goal of the season proved inconsequential as Wealdstone suffered a 2-1 defeat to Truro City at Grosvenor Vale.

The loss sees the Stones remain in ninth position in the Vanarama National League South table after 12 games.

A poor second-half performance ultimately cost them as Niall Thompson and Andrew Neal scored to cancel out Benyon's opener.

Wealdstone will hope for an improved performance on Saturday when they entertain Banbury United in the FA Cup third qualifying round.

Captain Wes Parker returned to the starting line-up and there were also recalls for Omar Koroma, Elliot Godfrey and Sahr Kabba in a much changed Wealdstone side.

They were almost behind inside six minutes with Louis Rooney volleying just over the bar from the edge of the box.

Truro may have had the better of a tight opening period but it was Wealdstone who took the lead as Benyon showed typical composure to break the deadlock.

The goal was simple in its execu-

tion as a long ball forward released the striker and he calmly placed past the onrushing Tom McHale.

Wealdstone were in the ascendancy now and almost doubled their lead through Koroma's free-kick.

The Stones man had a chance to give his side breathing space shortly after the restart but shot tamely wide as the hosts failed to make their dominance pay.

After spending most of the half camped in the Truro half, Gordon Bartlett's men were punished for their profligacy with 18 minutes to play.

Predictably, the equaliser came from a counter attack as City swept up field and Thompson buried a fierce effort in the top corner.

The visitors' tails were up now and Neal's introduction from the bench only added to their attacking threat as he sent a shot narrowly over the bar.

He would not be so wasteful moments later after he latched onto a long ball and rounded Jonathan North to snatch all three points for the White Tigers who now sit 15th in the league.



Elliot Benyon takes the acclaim of the Wealdstone faithful after opening the scoring  
Picture: ALAN PALMER

## Borough back to their best

### SIDE RECOVER FROM 5-0 MERSTHAM DEFEAT TO BATTER DULWICH HAMLET

HARROW Borough returned to winning ways in emphatic fashion as they beat Dulwich Hamlet 4-1 in the Ryman League Premier Division.

They were ahead as early as the eighth minute thanks to David Taylor's opener and Lewis Driver made it two inside 16 minutes.

Nyren Clunis scored for Dulwich four minutes ahead of the half-time interval before Ibrahim Meite's second-half brace sealed the dominant win.

The success leaves Harrow 18th in the table and provided the perfect antidote to a sickening 5-0 defeat against Merstham on Saturday.

The two performances could not have been more contrasting as Borough surrendered to an imposing Merstham.

They were 2-0 down after just 23 minutes after Alex Addai and Charlie Penny got on the scoresheet.

Xavier Vidal's penalty and Dan Bennett's strike put the result beyond doubt just before the hour and Penny added his second to complete the rout at the death.

Steve Baker's side will now turn their focus to FA Cup action as they play Southern League Division One South & West side Winchester FC on Saturday.

Borough enjoy home advantage for the third qualifying round tie and victory would take them to within one win of the first round proper.

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