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FOOTBALL: Narrow win sees Wealdstone through

Wealdstone handed Daggers in FA Cup

WEALDSTONE will travel to National League leaders Dagenham and Redbridge in the final qualifying round of the FA Cup after they were let off the hook in a last-gasp win over Banbury on Saturday.

Sehr Kabba's first goal in Stones colours proved the winner in the dying minutes, and sealed their progression against their stubborn visitors from the Southern Premier Division.

They had opened the scoring early on through Tom Hamblin and looked dominant before the break without crafting more than a couple of clear-cut chances, but the second half was a different story altogether.

Ricky Johnson levelled the scores after Banbury came out all guns blazing for the second period, but Wealdstone would have the last laugh through Kabba's late winner.

In truth, Gordon Bartlett's side had dominated for long periods at Grosvenor Vale, but it appeared they would be heading for an unwelcome midweek replay for most of the second half.

By the time they took an early lead through Tom Hamblin's 11th-minute header, it already seemed a

By Ron Walker

matter of when, not if, they would see out the game as a contest, but Banbury stood firm and restricted further opportunities from the hosts, while also moving the ball around well.

After the break, they would make Wealdstone regret not adding to their early advantage, and took the game to their hosts from the off – they could almost smell an equaliser, and it materialised 10 minutes into the second period.

Jonathan North could not keep hold of the ball when it was delivered in from a set-piece leaving Ricky Johnson to poke home following a goalmouth scramble, and spark wild celebrations among the travelling support.

Wealdstone's charge began to teeter as Banbury grew in confidence following their leveller, and the game grew increasingly open entering into the final stages.

But when top goalscorer Elliot Benyon turned provider for Kabba, the substitute could not miss as he fired the Stones into the next round late on from just inside the box.



Sehr Kabba celebrates his winning goal against Banbury on Saturday in the FA Cup third qualifying round. PICTURE: ALAN PALMER

Meite the last-gasp Boro hero

HARROW STRIKER'S 94TH-MINUTE WINNER SEALS FA CUP PROGRESSION

HARROW BOROUGH are yet to discover their opponents for the FA Cup fourth qualifying round, but did their bit by seeing off Winchester City 2-1 on Saturday.

Margate or Hastings will visit Earlsmead on October 15 after Boro survived a scare from their Evo-Stik South and West opponents, before two goals inside the last 10 minutes took them through.

Harrow came out of the blocks quickly and Josh Webb forced an early save from Lewis Noice before Lewis Driver took the ball around the visiting goalkeeper but was tackled before he could roll it into the empty net.

It was a miss they would rue as within minutes Michael Peacock was penalised for a foul inside the Harrow area on Craig Feeney, before Howard Neighbour stepped up to open the scoring from the spot.

They could have gone two ahead after picking up a wasteful pass from Mark McLeod, but the let-off appeared to finally galvanise the hosts.

After creating a number of chances, Harrow saw a corner half-cleared with 10 minutes to go, but it was played back into the box by Francis Babalola and turned home by Shaun Preddie.

There was still time for a winner, albeit in the fourth minute of injury time, as Babalola raced to the byline before feeding Ibrahim Meite, who sparked rapturous celebrations.

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