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WEALDSTONE pick up first win in five attempts

Stones through after FA Trophy replay upset

WEALDSTONE picked up a first win in five to overcome Maidenhead United and progress in the FA Trophy on Tuesday night, having been held 2-2 in Berkshire in the first game of their third-qualifying round tie.

Second-half goals from Matty Whichelow and Liam Goulding were enough to see them through 2-1 at Grosvenor Vale in the mid-week replay against their National League South colleagues, who sit top of the league table.

Maidenhead have enjoyed the best defensive record in the division so far, but shipped four goals across the two games with Gordon Bartlett's side, first letting Eddie Oshodi's header and Jonny Wright's finish from a Whichelow cross peg them back in the first game of the week.

They may have found a way to force the Stones into a replay in that game, but they could not take the tie any further in north London on Tuesday night, and fell behind to Whichelow's strike just before the hour.

By that point, the hosts had already forced saves from visiting keeper Carl Pentney through

By Ron Walker

Wright and top-scorer Elliot Benyon, but James Mulley nearly gave the league leaders the advantage but was thwarted by a Josh McLeod-Urquhart block.

The hosts kept up their pressure and Whichelow gave them the lead when played through by Ciaran Brown, cutting inside and firing beyond Pentney.

Scott McGleish, a surprise substitute for the hosts, nearly extended their lead but missed the ball with an air shot from Ryheem Shekelford's cross.

But the second did come when Goulding struck a sublime volley from a corner, which had been swung in by David Hunt.

He connected perfectly with the ball to beat the keeper, trapped in no-man's land after the initial delivery, to all but seal progression for the hosts.

Dave Tarpey set up a grandstand finish with a late consolation for the visitors, but Wealdstone hung on for victory.

On Saturday they are back in league action, hosting East Thurrock at Grosvenor Vale at 3pm.



Jonny Wright celebrates his goal on Saturday as Wealdstone and Maidenhead drew at York Road
Picture: ALAN PALMER

Borough crash out of Trophy

HARROW FALL 4-2 AT EBBSFLEET IN PULSATING FA TROPHY ENCOUNTER

HARROW Borough were beaten 4-2 in the FA Trophy by National League South side Ebbsfleet as their strong record in this season's national cup competitions came to an end.

The Boro found themselves a goal behind as early as the second minute when Michael Peacock gave away a foul 20 yards out, and Jack Powell delivered an unstoppable drive which left Keval Patel with no chance.

Things got little better as Ebbsfleet drove forward regularly, and with ease, and forced Patel into a save from Sam Deering.

Less than 20 minutes in they were two down when Bradley Bubb cut in and beat the goalkeeper at his near post, and moments later it was game over, when Charlie Sheringham headed into the far corner.

A seemingly out-of-sight game then swung the way of the shellshocked Harrow players, and they nearly cut the deficit through David Taylor's header, while Michael Bryan forced Ebbsfleet's Jonathan Miles to tip the ball over from another attack.

They found a way back through Joshua Webb after the break, firing beyond Miles with a fine strike, before Ebbsfleet restored their three-goal lead with a penalty from Anthony Cook after Shaun Preddy's foul.

A late Marc Charles-Smith effort proved little more than a consolation as the hosts breezed through.

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