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WEALDSTONE fall to third league defeat in a row 'Unacceptable' fumes Bartlett after Stones loss

A 4-0 hammering at the hands of promotion-chasers Dartford was not what Wealdstone manager Gordon Bartlett envisaged from his side's first game since pulling off an FA Trophy shock a fortnight ago.

With last week's trip to Weston-super-Mare called off, the Stones should have been brimming with confidence back on home turf, but instead crumbled the moment they fell behind to Luke Wanadio's 20th-minute strike from the edge of the box.

The lead was doubled within 12 minutes from a swerving drive from Ryan Hayes, and Elliot Bradbrook killed the game before half-time.

To make matters worse, the hosts missed two penalties after the break, before Andy Pugh put the cherry on the Dartford cake with a fourth after an hour.

Bartlett conceded the visitors had been "mentally and physically stronger" than his charges at Grosvenor Vale, and declared their performance "not acceptable".

"There's a saying - the harder you work, the luckier you get - and we didn't work hard enough on Saturday," he said.

"The lads have come off a great

By Ron Walker

win at Southport and the contrast between the two games was enormous.

"I don't feel the pressure, but I'm bitterly disappointed for an awful lot of people. The players let themselves down.

"We've got to take the criticism for the performance on Saturday after the plaudits at Southport. It wasn't acceptable."

The Stones have now fallen 15 points off the play-offs with 16 games to go of the league season; and will need some exceptional luck, combined with good form of their own, to stand any chance of promotion.

Chairman Peter Marsden told the Harrow Times earlier in the campaign he expected to see the club in and around the hunt come the business end of the season - but it looks unlikely to be the case after three straight defeats in the National League South.

One man who hasn't given up a distant hope, however, is Bartlett.

"Before the game we said every team in this league will have a bad run at some point," he said. "We've



Jonny Wright's penalty is kept out as Wealdstone fall to a 4-0 home defeat by Dartford at Grosvenor Vale.
Picture: ALAN PALMER

abused that privilege. We would need one hell of a run to give ourselves a realistic chance.

"I haven't given up just yet, but we've made it harder for ourselves with that performance."

Saturday provides the Stones another home test, with Brackley the visitors to Grosvenor Vale, and the manager issued a rallying cry ahead

of a big FA Trophy last 16 clash.

"If we can get the supporters behind the lads, and being that 12th man, it can really make a difference and get us across the line. We know we've got the ability in the squad.

"Brackley are a good team and have been on a good run, but when we're up for it we are a match against anyone."

Met Police rob Boro of victory

DRAW HARSH ON VISITORS WHO ARE STILL WINLESS SINCE START OF 2017

MET Police turned from cops to robbers as they stole a point from Harrow Borough on Saturday, with the 1-1 scoreline harsh on a strong performance from the visitors.

Borough controlled from the off and their dominance was exemplified when Mark Charles-Smith's header crashed off the bar from a corner.

Home keeper Brannon Daly was forced into a trio of early saves, with Wealdstone loanee Sahr Kabba particularly dangerous.

Five minutes before the interval, Borough's pressure told. Josh Webb's corner was punched up but not away, by the overworked goalkeeper. Shaun Preddie's goal-bound header was then half-cleared, but Michael Bryan's follow-up effort was not - and he fired in the opener.

The second half was a different story, although not one fraught with danger until Borough became the masters of their own downfall.

A lazy pass-back from Preddie left goalkeeper Brendan Hazlett in no man's land, and he chopped down Lloyd Macklin in the area.

Roman Michael-Percl sent him the wrong way from the spot with 20 minutes to go and despite some pressure they could not force a winner, while Kabba and Webb also missed chances.

On Tuesday, Harrow crashed out of the Alan Turvey Trophy with a 4-0 home defeat to South Park.

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