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BRACKLEY Town ease past injury-hit Wealdstone Stones out of FA Trophy after poor performance

By Harry Gray

AN abject performance saw Wealdstone crash out of the FA Trophy at the third round as they suffered a 4-1 defeat at the hands of Brackley Town.

Shorn of key players, including Elliot Benyon, Stones were always likely to struggle and put up little resistance to Town.

They were hit with a double blow inside 11 minutes as Jimmy Armon struck a quickfire brace to leave Gordon Bartlett's side facing an uphill challenge.

The hosts' first half display was completely devoid of attacking intent and they failed to muster an attempt on target in the entire first half.

They only truly came to life after the introduction of Ciaran Brown on 30 minutes, but still posed little threat going forward.

The game was ended as a contest just before the half-time break as heavily worked goalkeeper Jonathan North was beaten once again.

This time it was David Moyo who provided the finishing touch for Brackley, smashing home clinically

to make it 3-0.

Stones improved after the half-time break and a period of better attacking play resulted in them earning a foothold in the game.

Danny Green finished smartly with 61 minutes on the clock, but the joy would be shortlived as Town restored their three-goal lead within a minute of the restart.

A sweeping attack from the visitors again exposed the soft Stones defence and Lee Ndlovu found the net to put the game beyond their opponents once more.

Wealdstone will look to be far more competitive when they take on Oxford City in the National League South on Saturday.

The two sides are separated by just one place in the league, with Stones enjoying a three point gap over City in 13th place.

Victory on Saturday could prove important in the final standings, considering they have two games in hand.

Oxford come into the game on the back of a poor run of form, having failed to win any of their last three matches.

They lost 4-0 against Welling United last time out.



Jimmy Armon notches the first of his two goals against a below-par Wealdstone on Saturday.
Picture: ALAN PALMER

Narrow loss to leaders for Borough

LATE GOAL RULED OUT AS HARROW GO
DOWN TO 1-0 BOGNOR REGIS DEFEAT

HARROW Borough's poor form continued on Saturday as their winless run reached eight games after a 1-0 loss against Bognor Regis Town.

The narrow defeat against the Ryman League Premier Division leaders sees Harrow continue to toil near the foot of the table and they currently occupy 20th position.

Despite the disparity between the two sides' league standing, Harrow had their chances and should have led when Marc Charles-Smith raced clear, only to fire straight at the keeper.

In an evenly contested match, it took a scrappy goal to provide the winner for Town in the 64th minute as Borough failed to clear their lines after a goalmouth scramble.

Firstly Shaun Preddie made a brave block before George Nicholas missed his clearance to allow Doug Tuck to smash in from eight yards.

Borough made a concerted effort to get back into the game, but found it hard to break down a resolute Town defence.

Substitute Francis Babalola went close after reacting quickest to a partially cleared corner and connected with a powerful volley.

His strike beat the Bognor keeper, but goalscorer Tuck would play another vital role to block on the line.

With two minutes to play, Steve Brown looked to have scored a leveller but was penalised for fouling a Town player as he rose to meet a high cross.

Borough couldn't muster any further chances as Bognor held on to win.

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