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WEALDSTONE: Winning run reaches six at Truro

Play-off talk back on ahead of crunch clash

By Ron Walker

WEALDSTONE have a habit of doing things the hard way, and their latest phoenix from the ashes revival might just have come in time to save their season.

A 2-1 win at Truro on Saturday - remarkably their fifth away game of a six-match winning run - took Gordon Bartlett's side within seven points of the play-offs with nine games to go.

The increasingly impressive Josh White notched a third goal in five games after averting the attention of three home defenders gave the Stones the lead just before the half-hour mark.

Jamie Richards levelled moments prior to the break after Ciaron Brown's clearance hit a bobble, allowing him a simple finish beyond Jonathan North.

Wealdstone's winner came from a player who has shown his credentials at the other end of the pitch in recent weeks, but Tom Hamblin turned goalscorer to bundle in

from a corner in front of 100-plus travelling Stones fans.

Should they continue their odds-defying form up, promotion is not off the cards - but fourth-placed Chelmsford lie in wait on Saturday in a game Bartlett believes will define their season.

"It's probably going to be our toughest test," he said. "We've got to have them in our sights. It's tough, but we need to win to have a realistic opportunity of getting in the play-offs."

"There's been a huge change in positivity within the club. It wasn't a game for the purists at Truro, but again we showed desire and determination which was lacking earlier in the season."

"It was a bad time to concede but we showed resolve and weathered a storm at the start of the second half before coming out on top."

On Tuesday night, the Stones beat Hounslow United on penalties following a 4-4 draw in the Middlesex Senior Charity Cup, in a game which saw Elliot Benyon make a long-awaited return.



Elliot Benyon returned to the Wealdstone line-up as a 79th-minute substitute on Tuesday in the Middlesex Senior Charity Cup. Picture: ALAN PALMER

Relegation fears eased by Boro win

HARROW SEE OFF SECOND-PLACED HAVANT TO EDGE INTO MID-TABLE

HARROW Borough racked up a priceless 2-1 victory over promotion-chasing Havant and Waterlooville on Tuesday night to pull themselves away from the relegation pack and firmly into mid-table.

Steve Baker's men had to come from behind after Bradley Tarbuck slotted the opener in after 20 minutes from Wes Fogden's lofted pass.

That lead lasted until the 66th minute, when Marc Charles-Smith's cross was inadvertently turned into his own net by Andy Robinson.

The Hawks would have gone top of the division with a win, but fell flat following the equaliser.

Eight minutes from time, Michael Peacock's glancing header from a Kurtis Cumberbatch delivery condemned them to a first away defeat since December 10, and gave Harrow three points which lift them to 14th, seven points clear of the final relegation spot.

On Saturday, Harrow were left smarting over missed chances against Worthing at Earlsmead, having been forced to settle for a 2-2 draw.

Francis Babalola opened the scoring after some smart interchanges between Michael Brown and George Nicholas, but their lead was extinguished by Charlie Williamson.

Charles-Smith finally opened his account for 2017 to restore the hosts' advantage but again they were pegged back when Dan Summers prodded in when Luke Williams spilled a cross.

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