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WEALDSTONE: New man still looking for first win

Wilkinson apologises after Weston battering

By Ron Walker

HOPES that a change of leadership might breathe some life into a limp start to Wealdstone's season are looking painfully distant after a 5-1 thrashing at the hands of lowly Weston-super-Mare on Tuesday.

On the back of three straight draws since new manager Bobby Wilkinson arrived three weeks ago, the Stones were battered throughout in Somerset, leaving the irate boss to address his players on the Woodspring Stadium pitch after the game and apologise to fans who had made the midweek trip from west London.

New signings Stephane Ngamvoulou and Kaid Mohamed made their first starts as the only two changes from Saturday's draw at East Thurrock, where Matty Whichelow's 13th-minute strike looked enough to give the Stones a deserved win only for Sam Higgins' late equaliser to deny Wilkinson his first victory.

Weston had been battered 4-1 by Havant on Saturday, and, like a wounded animal, came out fighting as Jake Mawford's effort was

hooked off the line by Ciaran Brown three minutes in.

Mawford went close again before Wealdstone saw four chances fail to test goalkeeper Luke Purnell.

The hosts were the better side though, and took a deserved lead when Eddie Oshodi's pass was intercepted and lashed past Jonathan North by Dayle Grubb.

Oshodi atoned for the error before the break, nodding in Brown's cross a minute shy of the interval to give Wealdstone a platform.

Instead, Weston smashed it to pieces in the second half, and began their demolition job through Jake Reid, who latched onto Grubb's precise pass before giving the Seagulls the lead.

Reid put the game firmly in Weston's hands with a third from some dreadful defending before Grubb completed a brace and Jake Lee added a fifth in injury time.

Wilkinson said: "I apologise to all the fans that travelled three hours to get to the game.

"We've come to a team in the bottom three and got absolutely spanked 5-1. Now there had better be a reaction on Saturday but a lot of it is out of my own hands."



Eddie Oshodi scored for Wealdstone but it proved irrelevant as they were hammered 5-1 at Weston-super-Mare on Tuesday. Picture: JON TAFFEL

Boro out of FA Cup at first hurdle

ENFIELD TOWN EDGE PAST HARROW WITH LATE WINNER IN QUALIFYING

HARROW'S faltering week after such a bright start to the season continued as they were beaten 2-1 at Enfield Town on Saturday to fall at the first hurdle of their FA Cup campaign.

The first qualifying round match, at Queen Elizabeth II Stadium, was settled late when Simon Thomas grabbed his second of the afternoon for the hosts, with both sets of fans and staff eyeing a mid-week replay from when Michael Bryan levelled up with a free-kick.

Referee Michael Marsh was the main talking point from a tight game in east London, and 10 minutes in allowed Thomas' opener, which seemed to have been controlled with his hand, to stand despite protests from the Boro players.

It did not take long for the official's popularity to fall further, as he first denied another handball call - this time in Enfield's own area - before ruling out an equaliser for an apparent infringement from Mark McLeod in the build-up.

Boro had made chances in the first half, but were profligate in front of goal, and that continued after the break even after manager Steve Baker rung the changes from the bench.

But their endeavour finally paid off when Bryan stepped up to fire in a great free-kick to level.

The Boro joy would be short-lived though, when Enfield dominated the closing stages and were rewarded three minutes from time when Thomas' header sent them through.

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