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GREEN brace helps ensure comfortable progress

Hill next cup hurdle for Stones after Town win

By Bradley Hayden

WEALDSTONE will travel to Burgess Hill Town next weekend in the third qualifying round of the FA Cup after a comfortable 4-0 win over Faversham Town at the Vale.

A first half-double from Danny Green and goals from Matthew Whichelow and Dan Fitchett secured Wealdstone's third win in a row under Bobby Wilkinson.

The Stones boss played a strong side against the Bostik League Division One South side, with Alan O'Brien replacing Abobaker Eisa in the only change. Ciaron Brown returned to the bench after his trial with Championship side Cardiff City, alongside captain Sam Cox and Luke Williams.

Faversham had set up with a five-man defence which was finally breached after 27 minutes thanks to a lovely move.

Jerome Okimo played a through ball which was dummed by Fitchett into the path of Green, who calmly slotted the ball past goalkeeper Simon Overland.

Green was proving to be a handful for the Faversham defence and

the forward won a penalty just under 10 minutes later when he was tripped inside the area. Having won the spot-kick, the striker stepped up and sent Overland the wrong way to double his tally.

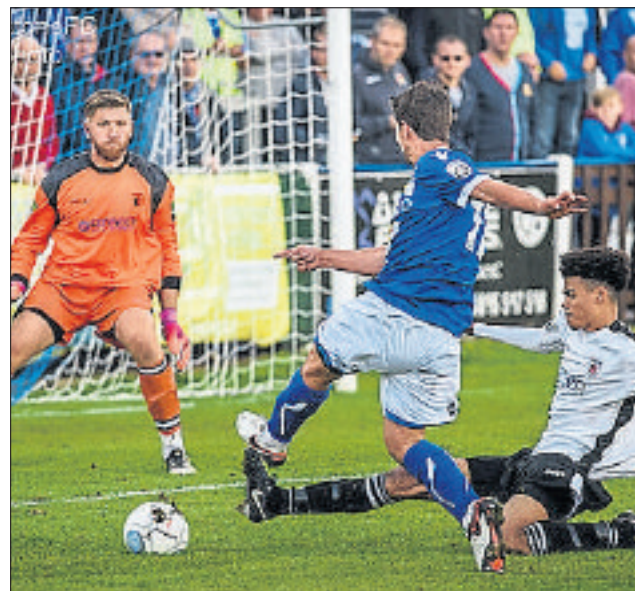
Whichelow then put the tie to bed three minutes into the second half as he started and finished a flowing move, firing the ball into the bottom corner to put the Stones 3-0 up.

The former Watford man almost grabbed another moments later when he got on the end of an O'Brien cross, only for his effort to be cleared off the line thanks to a superb clearance from Matthew Bourne.

The Stones were in full control and they finally added a fourth in the 70th minute, with Fitchett nodding home a perfect cross from O'Brien.

Man-of-the-match Green almost capped his day with a hat-trick when he was played in by substitute Elliot Benyon, but Overland tipped his low effort onto the post.

The Stones will now travel to Bostik League Premier Division side Burgess Hill Town in the third round after they beat Colney Heath 3-0 in a replay.



Stones substitute Elliot Benyon bears down on the Faversham goal.

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Borough advance on penalties

O'CONNOR CONVERTS DECISIVE SPOT-KICK TO SEND HARROW THROUGH

HARROW Borough beat Erith Town 4-1 on penalties after a hard-fought London Senior Cup first round tie on Tuesday night.

The match was level at 1-1 after extra-time and it was Anthony O'Connor who scored the winner for Harrow, firing home the fourth penalty after goalkeeper Melvin Minter had saved two spot-kicks.

Steve Baker named a strong team for the game and his side started quickly, with O'Connor, Richard Pacquette and Brian Testolin forcing good saves from Lewis Mitchell.

But after a strong start, Harrow fell behind, as Erith's Ryan Golding converted a penalty in the 23rd minute after the referee spotted some holding at a corner.

Six minutes later and another penalty was awarded, this time to Harrow after O'Connor was tripped inside the area. Reis Stanislaus calmly dispatched the resultant spot-kick to put Baker's men back on level terms.

Both teams had chances to win the game, in what proved to be an entertaining encounter at the Earlsmead Stadium, but neither could be separated after 120 minutes, meaning the game went to penalties.

After Minter's two saves, O'Connor calmly converted Harrow's fourth spot-kick, ensuring they progressed to the next round of the competition.

Baker's men return to league action this weekend with an away fixture at Margate.

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