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STONES: Fifth straight home win takes side 10th Wealdstone tear up form book to beat Truro City

By Ron Walker

WEALDSTONE settled better into conditions more suited to a sailing competition as Abobaker Eisa's double gave them a wind-battered 2-1 win over Truro City at Grosvenor Vale.

The Stones were two goals up before the break through Eisa's quickfire brace, with both goals seeing him double his league tally.

Tyler Harvey's late consolation gave manager Bobby Wilkinson a fright as Truro tried in vain to protect their 10-game unbeaten streak.

But instead Wealdstone moved to 10th, four points off the play-offs, on the back of a fifth straight home win.

Storm Brian added an extra element to proceedings at the Vale, where Wilkinson made three changes from the stalemate at Chippenham, including a recall for Eisa following some eye-catching performances from the bench.

The conditions took some getting used to for both sides, and it was 22 minutes in before the first chance would fall for Truro, but Jonathan North stood tall to deny Cody

Cooke from close-range.

The slow start was only a smoke-screen, it appeared, when Wealdstone took the lead five minutes later.

Truro goalkeeper Tom McHale misjudged the lightning pace of Eisa and the forward robbed him as he attempted to shield the ball out of play, before slotting in from a tight angle.

Two minutes later the wind could claim an assist for his second, as a clearance boomeranged back goalwards and to the feet of Eisa again, and he tapped home gleefully.

The conditions favoured Truro after half-time, and the visitors were denied several times by North, with Cooke, Alex Hartridge and River Allen all kept out.

Danny Green's free-kick and Shaquille Hippolyte-Patrick kept McHale busy at the other end, as the game became increasingly end-to-end despite Storm Brian's best efforts.

With nine minutes to go Truro gave themselves a lifeline, when Harvey beat North from inside the box, but they never threatened an equaliser and Wealdstone wrapped up victory.



Abobakar Eisa scored twice to lead the Stones to victory.

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Harrow drop out of play-offs

BOROUGH BEATEN BY BRIGHTLINGSEA TO SEAL BACK-TO-BACK DEFEATS

HARROW dropped to seventh in the Bostik Premier League after a disappointing defeat to Brightlingsea Regent at Earlsmead.

The Boro were below-par and deserved perhaps even less than the 2-1 scoreline.

The visitors were very much on top from the off with the wind behind them, and although Reis Stanislaus headed Kurtis Cumberbatch's cross wide the opener from Tom Richardson after 17 minutes was deserved, as he nodded a free-kick beyond Melvin Minter.

He came close to a second twice before the break, with Arinse Uade guilty of gifting the visitors a chance, but five minutes after the interval - even with the wind now favouring Harrow - they were two behind.

Richardson was the man to profit again, as Minter diverted a shot into his path when he could have palmed it behind.

The Brightlingsea striker continued to be busy as he closed in on a hat-trick - but he would not get the chance to do so after he was dismissed from the field for a second yellow after leaving an arm in on Shaun Preddie.

Curtis Ujah took advantage to halve the deficit with half an hour to go, and the hosts did make a good go of it with an equaliser within their sights.

Stanislaus passed up their best opportunity, nodding against the bar from Michael Bryan's cross, but it would have been harsh on a Brightlingsea side who deserved their victory.

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