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FOOTBALL: Wealdstone two points off play-offs Stones pick up welcome first away win of season

By Ron Walker

BOBBY Wilkinson has sorted Wealdstone's home form - and now he's taking on their poor away record too, leading the Stones to a first win on the road with a 2-1 triumph at Welling United.

Ryan Sellers and Danny Green put them in the driving seat with goals either side of half-time, and they were heading for three points when Ben Jefford was sent off for a lunge on Eddie Oshodi.

But Jack Parkinson set up a tense final half-hour when he nodded in for the hosts.

The Stones are now only two points off the National League South play-offs; they have picked up 20 points from 11 games since Wilkinson took charge in August.

He named a surprise in his team selection in South East London on Saturday, including new signing Taofiq Olomowewe who arrived after his release by Burnley.

The chances before the break all belonged to the visitors, which was testament to his debut performance - although it took some time for the game to see any action.

Abobaker Eisa flashed a header wide from a Green cross, but another delivery would put them ahead, finding Sellers to tap in at the far post.

Within 90 seconds of the restart Stones could put the game to bed, when they won a penalty as Eisa was sent tumbling by Parkinson.

Green planted his spot kick down the middle for a two-goal lead, and they had a man advantage soon after too when Jefford's ugly challenge on Oshodi earned him a straight red card.

Jonathan North was called into action for the first time despite Welling's numerical shortage, saving Tom Bradbook's header after an hour.

But the Wings did score minutes later, when former Preston man Jeffrey Monakana swung in a corner for Parkinson to nod beyond North, and make up for his penalty giveaway earlier in the game.

Welling pressed for an equaliser, enjoying the momentum despite their disadvantages, but Wealdstone were dangerous on the break and Eisa and Dan Fitchett both came close - although it mattered little in the end, as they hung on.



Danny Green celebrates his goal with his team-mates.

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Replay loss puts Harrow out of cup

FA TROPHY DEFEAT FOR BORO AGAINST
HARINGEY AS ADEMILUYI SCORES

HARROW crashed out of the FA Trophy in the first qualifying round after a replay defeat at Haringey Borough on Tuesday night, with Michael Ademiluyi's goal the difference between the sides.

The visitors, as they had in the original tie at Earlsmead on Saturday, only put their opponents under pressure late in the game - but, unlike Kurtis Cumberbatch's last-minute penalty in the original 1-1 draw, they were beaten by a solitary goal with no equaliser forthcoming this time.

Steve Baker made three changes from that weekend line-up, but it did not do anything to spur his side on as Haringey attacked from the start.

Adam Richards cleared off the line from Ralston Gabriel and George Moore blocked an Anthony McDonald effort, but 26 minutes in Ademiluyi scored when he turned in a low cross after evading some lax marking.

A Cumberbatch free-kick and Charles Banya's blocked effort were all Harrow had to show before the break, and just after the interval they should have been two behind.

Ademiluyi was at it again, firing over after bursting into the box, before Harrow looked to have equalised against the run of play, only for Anthony O'Connor's header to be ruled out for offside.

An injury to Howard Hall with a potential fractured shoulder added insult to injury late on, as Harrow tumbled out of the cup.

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