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## FOOTBALL: Fourth Wealdstone victory from five Last-gasp penalty secures highly-charged Stones win

By Ron Walker

WEALDSTONE scored the only goal to exact a sweet victory for manager Bobby Wilkinson over former club Hungerford Town, in a game short on quality and high on tension at Grosvenor Vale.

A last-minute Abobaker Eisa penalty won it for the Stones, and gave them a seventh straight home win over a hard-working Hungerford Town, with a crowd of 1,021 watching on from the sidelines across the latest international weekend.

The tension off the field, following Wilkinson's move from Hungerford to the Vale in August, was reflected in the performance of both sides with much of the game played in the middle of the park.

Eisa shot wide in Wealdstone's best first-half chance after only nine minutes, but Nicholas Bignall could have put the visitors ahead only to skew two shots off-target before the break.

In fact, the second half failed to come to life for almost half an hour, too, but in the final 15 minutes the game suddenly saw a flurry of chances.

Ryan Sellers' free-kick pulled a decent stop out of Marcus Beauchamp, making his Hungerford debut, before Anton Rogers fired wide for the visitors from the edge of the area.

Paul Stonehouse was in the same position when he forced Jonathan North into a full-length save, as the four-figure crowd finally had something to get excited about.

With seven minutes to go, Eisa was booked for simulation inside the penalty area when he appeared to have been tripped, but there was no case of *deja vu* when he went down a second time in injury time.

The flying forward collected the ball only to be bundled over straight away, and referee Jacob Miles pointed straight to the spot. The winger regained his composure to fire the penalty into the corner, giving Wealdstone another three points and a fourth win from five.

On Saturday they travel to Oxford City, who are third bottom.

**Wealdstone:** North, Oshodi, Sellers, Olomowewe, Day, Cox, Williams (Hippolyte-Patrick 65), Okimo, Okojie (Fitchett 65), Green (Goodger 65), Eisa.



Wealdstone scored late to wrap up all three points against Hungerford Town.  
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## Harrow's dreadful run goes on

**BACK-TO-BACK BOROUGH DEFEATS  
PUT BAKER'S SIDE INTO BOTTOM HALF**

**BACK-TO-BACK 2-0** defeats, first to Thurrock and then league leaders Dulwich Hamlet, have dragged Harrow Borough into the bottom half of the Bostik Premier League table for the first time this season.

It could be said the Boro had the better of both games during the week, hitting the post three times against Thurrock and seeing two goals disallowed.

But the new-look line-up from Steve Baker still did not have enough to match a Thurrock side who scored midway through the first half with a Josh Nouble opener, before wrapping up victory with a George Winn second in the 90th minute.

They were again in decent enough form against Dulwich, in front of an impressive 1,199 crowd considering the midweek fixture.

Melvin Minter had to be on form early on but Harrow grew into the game, and Ryan Moss and Shaun Preddie both spurned first-half chances to put the visitors in front.

Sahr Kabba's headed flick and Charles Bany'a's turn and shot both forced saves before the interval, and after it the former missed the chance of the game.

Latching onto a header forwards he planted the ball wide when one-on-one - and, naturally, Dulwich took full advantage by scoring their next chance.

They made it two from a corner, leaving Harrow with five straight league defeats ahead of Saturday's visit of Dorking Wanderers, who lie 18th.

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