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WEALDSTONE handed away tie at Billericay Town

Stones win secures place in quarter-finals of FA Trophy

By Simon Mail

WEALDSTONE moved a step closer to Wembley after a late goal helped them reach the quarter-finals of the FA Trophy following a 2-1 home win over Warrington Town on Saturday.

The Stones' reward for their victory is a trip to Billericay Town on Saturday, February 24.

Bobby Wilkinson's side came under early pressure from Warrington with the visitors going close through William Hayhurst's strike which was parried by goalkeeper Jonathan North.

The hosts had a fortunate escape within the first 15 minutes when Jamie McDonald had a goal chalked off for offside.

Wilkinson opted to make a tactical change by introducing Dan Fitchett in place of Taofiq Olomowewe to join Mustafa Tiryaki in attack. Substitute Fitchett almost made an immediate impact after being played in on goal but his shot was blocked by visiting keeper Anthony McMillan.

The hosts opened the scoring after 64 minutes when they took the

lead. Eddie Oshodi was brought down in the penalty area after a challenge by Jack Higgins and Danny Green held his nerve to send McMillan the wrong way.

But the visitors deservedly equalised in the 82nd minute when Joseph Piggott took advantage of a defensive mistake and fired past North after being on the pitch for less than a minute.

It looked as if the tie was heading for a midweek replay but the Stones snatched victory with an 88th-minute winner.

Green's shot from the edge of the area looped up and over McMillan before hitting him on the back and rolling into the net.

Wealdstone turn their attention back to the National League South on Saturday with a long trip to Truro City.

Bristol Rovers striker Kunle Otudeko could make his debut after joining on a one-month loan. Otudeko came through the Watford academy and joined Marlow after being released by the Hornets.

Stones midfielder Stephane Ngamvoulou has had his loan spell extended for a further month at Burgess Hill Town.



Striker Kunle Otudeko has joined Wealdstone on loan for one month.

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