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STONES move to within five points of play-offs

Duo sign new deals as Wellard sinks Welling

WEALDSTONE duo Jerome Okimo and Danny Green have signed new contracts to keep them at Grosvenor Vale until the end of the 2018/19 campaign.

Both players have been in fine form this season, with adaptable skipper Okimo having been impressive in an unfamiliar midfield role earlier in the campaign and Green central to Stones' progress in the league and FA Trophy, scoring 10 goals so far with a total of 13 in all competitions.

Wealdstone manager Bobby Wilkinson said: "I am absolutely delighted that Jerome and Danny have committed to the club already for next season.

"They can see what we are building here at Wealdstone and our future ambitions, they are excellent players and have shown great loyalty and commitment to the cause."

The double boost came after Stones had beaten Welling United 1-0 on Monday thanks to Ricky Wellard's last-minute header against his former club.

The win keeps the Stones in 12th position but has moved them to within five points of the National League South play-offs.

By Anthony Matthews

Wilkinson made two changes to the side that thumped Billericay Town 5-2 in the FA Trophy quarter-final. Reagan Ogle and Eddie Oshodi made way for the cup-tied pair of Marcus Johnson-Schuster and Ian Gayle, while there was also a place on the bench for young forward Dylan Kearney, who has been impressing at Uxbridge this season.

Matty Whichelow had the first opportunity, beating Wings keeper Bailey Vose to the ball but just toe-poking it across the face of goal.

Welling had their best chance of the game on 28 minutes as Anthony Acheamong saw his effort cleared off the line by Sam Cox and then Jack Parkinson saw his rebound result in the same outcome thanks to Mustafa Tiryaki.

Whichelow had the ball in the net a minute later after Tiryaki picked him out with a well delivered cross but the linesman ruled it out for off-side.

Billericay hat-trick hero Bradley Bubb then came close to adding to his tally, heading straight at Vose from close range from a Whichelow cross.



Ricky Wellard, not in picture, scores Wealdstone's last-gasp winner against Welling United.
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Both sides repeated Bubb's effort early in the second half. Durojaiye Olumide shot straight at Jonathan North and Glenn Wilson headed directly at Vose.

Iffy Allen and David Pratt were both introduced from the bench, with Pratt almost putting Stones into an 83rd-minute lead but he volleyed Okimo's cross just over the

bar.

But just when the game looked destined to finish in a stalemate, Wellard glanced a perfect header across the face of goal into the far corner in injury time.

The visitors almost responded when Callum Driver's 30-yard effort went just wide of North's post but it was to be Wealdstone's night.

Second leg tickets are now on sale

BRACKLEY BEAT STOCKPORT TO SET UP FA TROPHY SEMI-FINAL WITH STONES

BRACKLEY Town stand between Wealdstone and a place at Wembley in the FA Trophy final and tickets for the second leg of the semi-final at Grosvenor Vale are now on sale.

Following their memorable 5-2 at Billericay Town in the quarter-finals, Stones had to wait on the outcome of a postponed replay to find out who they would face in the last four.

Their opponents will be the National League North side have they defeated Stockport County 2-1 on Tuesday night.

Bobby Wilkinson's men already knew they would be away in the first leg on Saturday, March 17, with the return at the Vale seven days later.

Tickets for the tie on Saturday, March 24 cost £15 for adults, £10 for over-65s and £5 for Under-18s.

These will be on sale to personal callers at Ruislip Social Club from 4.30pm to 9pm on Mondays and Tuesdays, noon to 9pm on Wednesdays and 4.30pm to 11pm on Thursdays.

Ticket sales on Fridays will be from midday to midnight, from 4pm to midnight on Saturdays and on Sundays from noon to 5pm.

They can also be purchased from www.wfcmegastore.co.uk from this (Thursday) evening.

Stones are expecting a large attendance for the game and fans are being urged to buy in advance.

There are no segregation plans at this stage but the situation may change.

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