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FIVE-GOAL Borough bag biggest win of season

Two victories make it a happy Easter for Harrow

HARROW Borough bounced back from their defeat to Billericay Town in style over the Easter weekend, as they secured back-to-back wins against Merstham and Enfield Town in the Bostik Premier League.

Former Watford and Charlton Athletic man Kurtis Cumberbatch was the winner for Steve Baker's men on Saturday, as his strike in the 73rd minute proved to be the difference as Harrow claimed a 1-0 victory over Merstham.

After Alex Addai had drawn a good save from Harrow's Melvin Minter, Borough almost took the lead in the 25th minute as Ryan Moss charged through on goal after intercepting a back pass, but his effort was somehow cleared off the line with the goalkeeper beaten.

Harrow's pressure continued in the second half, with Charles Banya and George Moore both coming close and their efforts would finally be rewarded in the 73rd minute thanks to a superb effort from Cumberbatch, who cut in and sent a fine shot into the top corner.

Minter had to be alert to deny Dan Bennett's shot, but it was Harrow who almost adeed a second late on, with Moore's free-kick forcing Ash-

lee Jones into a good save.

By **Bradley Hayden**

But even the most optimistic of Harrow fans wouldn't have seen their second-half performance coming on Easter Monday, as a ruthless 45 minute display saw them thrash Enfield Town 5-0.

After a quiet first half, the game burst into life just three minutes after the break when Cumberbatch notched his second in two games to put Harrow in front, as his free-kick found the back of the net from a tight angle.

Moments later it was two and it was that man Cumberbatch again, as he received the ball from Banya, before cutting in and sending a low effort past the helpless Joe Wright in the Enfield goal.

The crowd had barely had time to savour that strike when Harrow made it three just two minutes later, as the influential Cumberbatch threaded the ball into Shaun Preddie, who tapped the ball over the on-rushing Wright to put his side into cruise control.

Back came Enfield though, with Brad Wadkins almost pulling one back for the visitors, only for his



Plenty to celebrate: Harrow Borough thumped Enfield Town 5-0 on Monday. Picture: BRUCE VIVEASH

effort to be cleared off the line, just minutes after he had forced a good save from Minter.

But that was to be just a temporary respite for the visitors, as Harrow made it four ten minutes from time, as Michael Bryan found substitute Ahmed El-Sahib and his cross was nodded home at the far post by Moss.

A fine second-half performance was then capped off in injury time as Moss converted his second.

Cumberbatch was at the heart of the move once again, as he brought the ball forward and found El-Sahib, who notched his second assist when his pull-back was dispatched by Moss, to earn Harrow their biggest win of the season.

Fixture backlog mounts

WEALDSTONE SEE BOTH EASTER MATCHES LOST TO THE WEATHER

WEALDSTONE'S fixture backlog continues to mount after both their games over Easter were postponed.

Bobby Wilkinson's men were already playing catch up in National League South after reaching the semi-finals of the FA Trophy, but they now have two more games to play before the end of the season after Saturday's home game with East Thurrock United and Monday's trip to Hemel Hempstead Town both fell victim to waterlogged pitches.

The trip to Vauxhall Road has been rearranged for Thursday, April 19, with the match at Grosvenor Vale against East Thurrock now due to take place four days later on April 23.

Those two postponements mean Stones, who have dropped to 16th in the table and 12 points outside the play-offs, now have to cram nine games into the final 21 days of the regular season.

The packed schedule is due to start at home to Bath City on Saturday, before Wilkinson takes his side to Hungerford Town on Monday and a sequence of three fixtures in five days is due to end against Oxford City at the Vale on Wednesday.

Bath are in the hunt for the play-offs, three points outside the top seven in 10th place, but Stones' other two opponents in the next week are below them in the table at the time of going to press.

Hungerford are 18th, eight points clear of the relegation zone, while Oxford are a point and a place higher.

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