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STONES claim away victory despite Wellard's sending off

Ten-man Wealdstone produce clinical win at Bognor Regis

By Simon Mail

WEALDSTONE produced a clinical counter-attacking performance to win 3-0 at Bognor Regis Town in the National League South on Saturday.

New signings and debutants Marcus Johnson-Schuster and Ian Gayle impressed for Bobby Wilkinson's side as they ran out convincing winners despite finishing the game with ten men after midfielder Ricky Wellard's red card.

Stones goalkeeper Jonathan North was in excellent form for the visitors when called upon.

The shot stopper was alert to the danger after 21 minutes when he saved from Rocks defender Sami El-Abd's header.

Wealdstone were handed a fortunate opener in the 39th minute after a spectacular own goal.

Danny Green sent in a trademark free-kick after Abo Eisa had been upended outside the area. From the floated kick, home winger Tommy Scutt put the ball into his own net to hand the advantage to the away side before the break.

Pratt tried to redeem himself

with a late first-half effort but fired wide of the target.

North was called into action early on in the second half as he made an excellent save to deny the hosts.

The Stones extended their lead when Gayle pounced from a corner and poked home from close range.

But the visitors were reduced to 10 men for the final 20 minutes when midfielder Wellard picked up a second booking.

The hosts pushed forward, with their man advantage, and only a superb save from North kept out a Bognor header.

But any hope they had of mounting a comeback was ended 15 minutes from time when Wealdstone added a third goal. Eisa picked his spot and struck a pin-point shot into the net from a tight angle to seal the points.

It was a clinical display from the Stones which moved them within seven points of the play-off spots.

Wilkinson's side host a Weston-Super-Mare side one place above them on Saturday.

Harrow Borough's game at Billericay Town was postponed due to an unplayable pitch. Boro are due to host Margate on Saturday.



The Stones celebrate after scoring during their 3-0 win at Bognor Regis Town on Saturday.

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