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CLINICAL finishing provides the key to success Stones ease past Staines in pre-season encounter

By Matt Ford

A MUCH changed Wealdstone side proved too strong for Staines Town as they registered an impressive 5-2 win at Wheatshaf Park on Tuesday.

The Stones showed a clinical streak to dispatch of their Southern League Premier South opponents, as Bobby Wilkinson's side took another firm step in the right direction ahead of the new season.

Two goals from David Pratt and strikes from debutant Joe White, Jeffrey Monakana, and Matt Lench put Wealdstone 5-0 up.

Even a pair of second half consolation strikes from the home side did little to dampen what was an excellent performance.

While several regulars sat out and Wilkinson opted to rotate his squad, they took just a minute to open their account as Monakana teed up Pratt who powered a diving header into the net.

It was two after just five minutes as White latched on to Jake Sheppard's pass, controlled the ball with his chest, and then fired home to make it a scoring return

in Stones colours.

The game was as good as over as a contest with 20 minutes played as Pratt cleverly converted James Clark's free-kick.

Wealdstone would then add a fourth before the break as Monakana got in on the act to plant the ball inside the far post after a quick Clark free-kick caught Staines napping.

The Stones did not ease up and were relentless in their quest for goal number five which arrived just three minutes into the second period courtesy of Lench who got on the end of a deflected Freddie Grant cross to finish.

To their credit, however, the hosts did rally momentarily to net a stunning goal of their own just shy of the hour mark.

Good build up play saw George Fry turn provider to feed Brendan Murphy, and he fizzed a superb effort past a helpless Callum Thomas to make it 5-1.

Staines added a second goal through Fry who reacted quickest to beat Thomas with a smart finish, but they were well beaten on the night despite an improved showing in the second half.



Wealdstone boss Bobby Wilkinson saw his side make light work of Staines Town on Tuesday night.

Ticket prices at the Vale to be frozen

NO INCREASE IN CHARGES UNTIL THE 2019/20 SEASON FOR STONES FANS

WEALDSTONE have done their bit for supporters at Grosvenor Vale by confirming that admission prices on the gate will be frozen for the 2018/19 season in line with last season's prices.

That means that entry for National League South matches will remain at £13 for adults, £9 for concessions, £3 for Under-18s, and free for Under-14s with a paying adult, negating the price hike by the Ruislip-based side that was expected to come into force for this season.

Indeed, any further increases have been postponed for the foreseeable future and will now not take effect until at least the start of the 2019/20 season at the earliest.

Meanwhile the Stones have also announced that tomorrow's home friendly with National League side Bromley will be a special 'Meet the Team' family day.

Fans are invited to watch an open training session as manager Bobby Wilkinson puts his players through their paces between 12.30pm and 2pm.

The club have also extended their early bird season ticket window for a further two hours in the build-up to the match.

All those interested in taking advantage of the discount have between 1pm and 3pm to purchase a cut-price season ticket from the clubhouse.

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