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BUBB double helps secure impressive victory

Superb Stones lay down marker with Darts win

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WEALDSTONE'S progress so far this campaign was evident for all to see at Princes Park on Saturday with an accomplished and emphatic 3-0 win over a Dartford side that ought to be challenging at the top echelons of the National League South table.

Two first-half goals from Bradley Bubb and a magnificent strike from Jeffrey Monakana ensured all three points for the Stones, a result that surely made the rest of the league sit up and take notice that Bobby Wilkinson's side will not be satisfied making up the numbers this season.

Wilkinson had brought in Bubb in place of Stevenage loanee striker Joe White for this tricky encounter and the move paid dividends with the former Ebbsfleet United striker scoring a brace to give his side a first-half lead that rocked their hosts.

Bubb took advantage of some lax defending to put Stones ahead from an acute angle.

Wealdstone gloveman Jonathan North did well to keep out a powerful strike from Ben Greenhalgh but the visitors were always looking to be in the ascendency with their strong pressing and high tempo style.

Monakana and David Pratt both went close before Bubb netted again from close range on the half-hour mark after Pratt's excellent header had bounced off the cross bar from a corner ball.

Monkana sealed the match early in the second period with a superb strike. The midfielder cut in from the wide left position and struck via the underside of the bar from fully 25 yards.

Stones continued to dominate the match with their defence and midfield outstanding and they counter attacked almost at will, not allowing the Darts any real opportunity to stage a fight back.

Bubb and Monakana could have added to their tallies late on, while the best opportunity for a Darts consolation was substitute Manny Ighorae's late effort on goal but North was equal to it.

Stones are back in action on Saturday at The Vale when they entertain high-flying Concord Rangers, kick off 3pm.



Bobby Wilkinson's men have made a promising start to their National League South campaign.

Second-half horror show for Harrow

HARROW Borough suffered a defensive and disciplinary shocker in Dorset as they crashed to a 5-3 defeat at Wimborne Town.

From being in total control of Saturday's game, the visitors threw away three points after a second-half display in which their defence was cut to shreds and two players contrived to get sent off.

It all started promisingly for Harrow as early pressure was translated into a 14th-minute lead when Ryan Moss bundled in a Lewis Cook corner

With Wimborne having lost their opening two fixtures, their opponents looked to turn the screw and they doubled their advantage in the 34th minute when Michael Bryan fired home.

However, the first signs of defensive sloppiness appeared shortly before the break as Tobias Holmes capitalised.

Wimborne were to be back on terms 10 minutes after the interval when Jack Lovell converted a penalty following a Ryan Haugh foul, but it was soon to get much worse for Borough.

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Mark McLeod was the first player to be sent off following an over-zealous challenge and from the resultant free-kick Sam Davidson make it 3-2.

Harrow were then reduced to nine when Shaun Preddie received a second booking but they held out until the 83rd minute when Curtis Young netted Town's fourth.

Four minutes later came another twist as George Moore made it 4-3, but any hope of a dramatic comeback was to be quickly extinguished by Holmes' second.



