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SLEW marks debut with East Thurrock winner

Wealdstone set for Hungerford cup test

FAMILIAR opponents stand between Wealdstone and the fourth qualifying round of the FA Cup on Saturday.

Bobby Wilkinson's men will travel to National League South rivals Hungerford Town after they needed penalties to get the better of Wantage Town following a 2-2 draw last night.

Stones have already visited Bulpit Lane this season, returning home with a 1-1 draw in their first away game of the campaign, but Hungerford have struggled since and are currently 19th in the table.

Their opponents will go into the game off the back of Saturday's 1-0 victory at fellow strugglers East Thurrock United thanks to Jerome Slew's winner four minutes from time that pushed his side back up into the play-off places.

The Rocks claimed the former Chesterfield striker was in an off-side position but referee Steven Hughes waved away appeals from the hard-pressed home side who had been under constant pressure for the majority of the contest.

Wealdstone were without the injured Bradley Bubb and rested David Pratt, but substitute Slew was

By Anthony Matthews

to make his debut after only 10 minutes when Stefan Brown was forced off through injury.

Even prior to that change though, the away side looked very lively with good chances for Brown and Matt Lench.

The visitors kept pressing and in the 20th minute a fine move saw Bradley Hudson-Odoi play in Freddie Grant down the channel but his fine cross went begging in the danger zone and, soon after, Lench couldn't quite connect with an inviting Hudson-Odoi ball into the box.

The chances kept on coming with Slew one-on-one with Giddens but the forward was thwarted by the alert keeper.

It looked as though Stones had made the breakthrough on the half-hour mark but the assistant didn't flag that the ball had crossed the line after a melee in the goalmouth.

East Thurrock had a few forays upfield and the visiting defence still had to remain vigilant for the counter, particularly from dangerman Sam Higgins.

With Wealdstone so dominant but unable to find the net, the home side



Jerome Slew made the decisive contribution on his debut on Saturday after coming off the bench as an early substitute for Wealdstone.

felt that they could nick a goal in the second period and when Jonathan North had to parry away a good free-kick the warning signs were flashing.

Still Stones probed for the opening that would deservedly win them all the points but time and again they were stopped by a combination of poor finishing and desperate de-

fending, with Lee Burns prominent in the Rocks back line.

Wilkinson's men had to survive a scare with 15 minutes remaining when East Thurrock hit the bar following a corner, but their efforts were to be finally rewarded with minutes remaining when Slew slotted past the beleaguered Giddens at the second attempt.

Borough bag four on road again

HARROW Borough enjoyed a triumphant afternoon on their travels as they scored four on the road for the third time this season in a 4-0 victory at Chesham United.

Saturday's victory leaves Steve Baker's side 13th in the Southern League Premier Division South, but they are within four points of the play-offs in what is a congested table.

Having hit four in wins at Hendon and Kings Langley in August, Borough had to survive an early scare when it took a superb save from Hafeed Al-Droubi to deny the much-travelled Jefferson Louis an early opener.

Chesham continued to edge the exchanges but fell behind in the 13th minute when a George Moore cross was tapped home by Dylan Keamey at the far post.

The scorer was making his first league start for Harrow and his day was to get even better in the 41st minute when he again converted at the far post, this time from a Michael Bryan cross.

Borough had to wait until the 84th minute to put the result beyond doubt when Chesham keeper Alex Tokarczyk could only push a Ryan Moss shot across goal and substitute Anthony O'Connor stabbed home with his first touch.

Number four arrived in the second minute of injury time when Lewis Cole fired across Tokarczyk after Frank Keita headed the ball through to his teammate to seal a win which saw Chesham manager Jon Meakes resign two days later.

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