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BUBB'S late miss proves fatal in Sutton United tie

Penalty woe for Stones as Cup dream is ended

By Harry Gray

IT was a tale of two spot-kicks for Wealdstone, who were agonisingly knocked out of the FA Cup by National League side Sutton United.

With both sides on level terms going into the dying minutes, the Stones had a glorious chance to make it through to the first round when referee Sam Allison pointed to the spot after Elliott Charles was hauled down by Nicky Bailey.

Bailey was sent for an early bath but having opened the scoring for the Stones from the spot earlier in the second half, Bradley Bubb couldn't repeat the trick, as his penalty was saved by Jamie Butler.

That miss proved to be costly as within three minutes, Aaron Drinan scored the winner for Sutton deep into stoppage time to secure the National League side a slender 2-1 win.

Early on Kieron Cadogan sent a free header straight at Jonathan North and the Sutton man came even closer later on in the first half, when his effort smacked the bar.

That seemed to be the wake-up call Wealdstone needed and they

were handed a perfect chance to take the lead in the 50th minute when referee Allison pointed to the spot after Rhys Taylor was scythed down.

Bubb stepped up and blasted his penalty straight down the middle to hand the Stones the lead.

Sutton would equalise thanks to Jamie Collins' penalty with 25 minutes remaining, but it was the Stones who almost snatched a late winner.

Firstly, David Pratt's header from a Shomotun cross was excellently kept out by Butler, who then broke Wealdstone's hearts in the 90th minute when he saved Bubb's spotkick.

Within three minutes, Sutton were in the first round, as Craig Eastmond fed Drinan, who found the bottom corner.

Wealdstone first team coach Mike Percival told the club's website: "We're absolutely gutted. We were one kick away from the first round proper, but we have to take the positives. We're in a good moment here and although we're disappointed, we have to stick together.

"We've played well today against a very good side."



Sutton United's keeper gets down well to deny a late penalty.
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Home win at last for Borough

DORCHESTER TOWN BRUSHED ASIDE IN COMPREHENSIVE 4-1 VICTORY

IT took over two months, but Harrow Borough finally secured their first home league win of the season after they beat Dorchester Town 4-1 on Saturday.

Harrow started brightly, with Ryan Moss lifting the ball over the on-rushing Dorchester goalkeeper Alhaji Sesay to hand the home side a 13th minute lead.

That goal boosted Harrow's confidence and they doubled their advantage soon after thanks to Anthony O'Connor.

By the 25-minute mark, Harrow were in cruise control as Dorchester captain Neil Martin put through his own net under pressure from Moss to make it 3-0 in the home side's favour.

It was nearly four soon after when Ryan Haugh's through ball picked out Moss, who almost notched his second only for Josh Bailey to get back to clear off the line.

The away side finished the first half strongly, with Callum Rose heading over and the visitors would claw one back following the half-time interval, when Winsper tapped home Antonio Diaz's cross.

Dorchester's hopes of mounting any sort of comeback were ended though with 13 minutes remaining when goalkeeper Sesay was sent off for kicking Dylan Kearney.

Harrow would add further gloss to the scoreline late on when Kearney raced through and slid home under pressure from a defender, to secure the home-side their third win in four games.







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