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McKeown strike salvages Dartford draw for Stones

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EOIN McKeown's stoppage-time equaliser on Saturday prevented visitors Dartford from moving into the play-off places and saw Wealdstone move into 12th in National League South.

The Darts had taken a 71st-minute lead through Elliot Bradbrook's header but McKeown's curling injury-time strike salvaged a point for the hosts.

Chances were at a premium until the half-hour mark when Danny Green rattled the post after making space for himself on the edge of the area.

Stones controlled proceedings from there on and came close soon when Ramarni Medford-Smith's header hit the bar from a Jeffrey Monakana cross.

Monakana and Reece Mitchell were causing all of Dartford's problems as the game entered the second half but it was Green who came closest to opening the scoring, firing just wide from a free-kick after good work from Simon Mensah.

Green was at the centre of the action again on the Stones' next foray forward, this time turning provider for David Pratt, but he couldn't turn in the low cross.

Wealdstone were made to rue their missed opportunities on 71 minutes as Dartford opened the scoring against the run of play.

Ben Greenhalgh swung a corner to the back post and Bradbrook was well-positioned to power a header into the roof of the net, giving the visitors a lead they could not have expected on the balance of play.

With the chances they were creating, neutrals would not have been able to tell that Stones had not scored a home goal since November, but that barren run was finally ended in the second minute of stoppage time.

Substitute McKeown received the ball and hit a superb, first-time, curling effort beyond Bailey Vose in the Dartford goal to seal a well-deserved point.

The Stones were also in action on Tuesday night as they entertained a Brentford 'B' side in the Middlesex Senior Cup quarter-final.

The Bees had too much quality for the hosts at The Vale and ran out 2-0 winners.

It only took three minutes for the Championship side to open the scoring with Joe Hardy tucking in Kolbeinn Finnsson's low cross.

Stones started the second half brightly but were outclassed in the end as Theo Archibald made sure of the result, nicking the ball off Femi Azeez before powering past two defenders and finishing past Sonny Wheeler.



Eoin McKeown celebrates his last-gasp leveller against Dartford.
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Mixed Met fortunes for Borough

NARROW DEFEAT FOLLOWS THRILLING VICTORY AGAINST SAME OPPONENTS

HARROW Borough's Southern League Premier Division South double-header against Metropolitan Police resulted in one win and one loss as their 4-3 victory on Saturday was overshadowed by a 1-0 defeat on Tuesday picht

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Dylan Kearney completed his hat-trick with the late winner at the weekend, which saw Boro go three points ahead of The Met in the league table, but they were pegged back three days later thanks to Max Blackmore's second-half goal.

The hosts were ahead inside 10 minutes when Kearney tapped into an empty net from Luke Williams' mistake but the Police turned it around with two quick goals from Jack Mazzone and Jonathan Hippolyte.

Oliver Robinson was then dismissed for the visitors, picking up his second yellow, and Kearney initially made them pay by equalising before Mazzone restore Police's lead, finishing past Hasem Al-Droubi.

Anthony O'Connor levelled the game once more with a towering header before Kearney won it in the fourth minute of stoppage time, finishing at the second attempt to spark wild celebrations.

There were to be no such scenes on Tuesday, though, as the Met were much the better side in the reverse fixture.

It took until the 70th minute for the deadlock to be broken, but it deservedly came after Harrow lost the ball in midfield and Ollie Knight teed up Blackmore to see the Met move up to fifth in the table.







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