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Stevens header seals success for Stones

By Nat Goodlad

WEALDSTONE extended their unbeaten run to four games as Connor Stevens' header was enough to secure a 1-0 home win over Hungerford Town.

His first-half effort gave the Stones their second win of 2019, despite a change of chairman between Saturday's game and their draw with Concord Rangers the previous week.

The decision was taken on January 15 to remove Peter Marsden as chairman and appoint Rory Fitzgerald, with Mark Randall appointed vice-chairman, both on an interim basis, due to the board believing a change of leadership was required to move the club forward.

However, there was no sign of the off-field changes affecting the players as Bobby Wilkinson's side started brightly, twice going close through David Pratt efforts from Danny Green corners.

Hungerford managed to respond with a chance of their own though, as Jonathan North spilt Rhys Kavanagh's effort into the path of Darren Foxley, but he smacked the post from inside the area.

The growing number of corners eventually paid dividends for Stones, and they took the lead on 15 minutes when Green's corner from the right found Stevens at the back post, and he

headed in off the underside of the bar.

Green was causing all sorts of problems for Hungerford and almost scored himself from the edge of the box, but his effort was comfortably saved by Michael Luyambula.

Jeffrey Monakana, returning to the starting XI, was also a thorn in Hungerford's side, and he troubled Luyambula again after powering past James Rusby and into the box.

Towards the end of the half, the visitors settled into a rhythm and started to string some chances together, particularly when North was on hand to palm away Tom Anderson's effort from long distance.

North was at it again after the break, saving well from Alfie Whittingham after he latched onto Kavanagh's pass on the edge of the box.

Green was also still gaining success from his corner deliveries, finding Pratt, Stevens and Jerome Okimo on three separate occasions, all of whom could not convert.

Pratt came close again with only 13 minutes remaining as Wealdstone looked to extend their lead, but fired a whisker wide of the far post after turning on the edge of the area.

One goal was enough though, and Wealdstone held on for a win that takes them up to 11th and to within four points of the play-offs prior to Saturday's trip to second-placed Woking.



Stones' upturn in form under Bobby Wilkinson continued against Hungerford on Saturday.

Borough battle back for a point

DRAMATIC ENDING SEES HARROW SCORE TWICE TO SNATCH DRAW

HARROW Borough took a point from a six-goal thriller away at Poole Town on Tuesday, after trailing for most of the game before coming back to draw 3-3.

The home side dominated for the most part and finished the first half 2-0 up with goals from Marvin Brooks and James Constable.

Dillon Kearney pulled it back to 2-1 after the hour mark, but his goal looked to be no more than a consolation after Jake Scrimshaw added a third for the Dolphins.

However, late goals from Maxwell Holland and a second from Kearney in a dramatic three-minute period saw Harrow head home with a point, having lost 3-1 at home to Swindon Supermarine on Saturday.

It looked as if it could be a long night for the Reds when Brooks headed past Hafad Al-Duoubi, before Roberts crossed to find Constable in the box for a tap-in just three minutes after.

Harrow gave themselves a chance on 66 minutes after Kearney netted from a quick counter-attack, but his goal seemed inconsequential when Scrimshaw lobbed Al-Duoubi.

However, there was plenty of drama still to unfold.

In the 90th minute a cross from the right found Holland in the box, who made it 3-2.

The comeback was completed three minutes later when a route-one attack found Kearney, who netted the equaliser with the last kick of the game.

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