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Long Tuesday night trek to Truro yields Stones three-point reward

THE long mid-week trip to Cornwall proved worth it for Wealdstone after they came from behind to win 2-1 at Truro City.

Goals from Christian Smith and Danny Green secured the success for Stones, who recorded their third successive victory and moved up to ninth in National League South within two points of the play-off zone.

Boss Bobby Wilkinson was forced into one change at Treyew Road, James Clark returning for his first game in four weeks to replace suspended full-back Jake Sheppard.

The visitors started quickly with an early chance for midfielder Simon Mensah in the third minute when he won the ball on the edge of the Truro box but fired over.

Ten minutes later Truro left back Connor Riley-Lowe fired a free-kick from the half-way line towards Jared Lewington, who saw his header tipped over the bar.

Truro full-back Niall Thompson rushed forward down the right channel in the 26th minute only for his first-time shot to bobble on the surface before firing over the bar.

Stones top scorer David Pratt had his first chance of the game five minutes before the break courtesy of a Ramarni Medford-Smith cross but Pratt headed off target.

By Dec O'Reilly

The away side registered their first effort on target two minutes before half-time through set-piece specialist Green on the edge of the box but his strike was easily caught by Truro goalkeeper Harvey Rivers.

But the White Tigers were to make the breakthrough on the stroke of half-time when they won a free-kick on the edge of the 18-yard box and top scorer Tyler Harvey struck it perfectly into the top corner.

Trailing at the interval for the first time in the league since the turn of the year, Stones began the second half much brighter than the opening period and six minutes after the break Crawley Town loanee Tarryn Allarakhia's near-post shot was diverted into the side netting by Rivers.

Wilkinson's side were to get back on terms on the hour though, when Allarakhia was fouled by Thompson in the penalty area and former Maidenhead United midfielder Smith made no mistake from the spot.

Wealdstone could have gone in front less than five minutes later when Allarakhia played Colchester United loanee Eoin McKeown through on goal but his right-footed effort was saved by Rivers.



Bobby Wilkinson's men are up to ninth in the table.

Harvey had a half-chance for Truro three minutes later on the right-hand side but fired wide of Jonathan North's near post.

Wealdstone dominated this phase of the half though, and were rewarded in the 75th minute when Green scored what proved to be the

winner in style.

McKeown's cross from the left was cleared only as far as Green who shifted the ball onto his left foot on the edge of the box and curled a beautiful shot into the top corner.

Wealdstone turned to their defensive qualities before McKeown

forced a save out of Rivers six minutes from time.

Truro tried to press in the closing stages, forcing North to punch clear from multiple crosses late on but the visitors were able to secure their third win in a row and boost their challenge towards the top end of the table.

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