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## OWN goal advantage cancelled out by Bath Positive point for Stones at high-flying Romans

**By Dec O'Reilly**

WEALDSTONE picked up a respectable point in a 1-1 draw at National League South promotion-chasers Bath City on Saturday.

Robbie Cundy's own goal gave the Stones the lead, but debutant Sol Pryce headed the equaliser to cancel it out.

The away side registered their first shot after seven minutes when Stefan Brown laid off to Godfrey Poku on the edge of the box, but the midfielder fired wide of the target.

Bath responded with a chance of their own three minutes later, but Jonathan North had no trouble in claiming a tame effort from Ryan Brunt, and the Stones keeper was then alert to tip over Ross Stearn's powerful drive.

Midway through the first half Wealdstone were presented with a golden opportunity to take the lead, but Tarryn Allarakhia saw his shot well saved by Ryan Clarke after being played through by Simon Mensah.

However, the opening goal still went their way soon after when Al-

larakhia swung in a cross from the right, and Cundy could only head into his own net.

Bath's quality was clear though, and they continued to create chances, going close when Brunt fired across goal and when Bristol City loanee Freddie Hinds' free-kick hit the wall.

The Romans continued this pressure into the second half and came close to beating North when Stearn's strike was deflected over and when Brunt headed over from Joe Raynes' set-piece delivery.

Both sides continued to trade blows and it was Stones who almost found the game's second when Jerome Okimo headed wide from Danny Green's free-kick, but Bath came just as close when Pryce rounded North and saw his effort blocked by Okimo.

However, from the resulting corner, Pryce was given too much room and he was able to head home to bring the hosts level.

Bath did most of the pressing late on and had a couple of big chances to snatch all three points when Cundy only found the side netting and when Hinds had his effort blocked by a valiant defence.



Wealdstone picked up a good point at Bath City on Saturday.

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## Hartley hit Harrow's hopes

**BOROUGH'S PURSUIT OF PLAY-OFF PLACE SUFFERS A BLOW ON THE ROAD**

HARROW Borough suffered a setback in their push for the Evo-Stik League South Premier Division South play-offs with a 3-0 loss away at Hartley Wintney on Saturday.

First-half goals from Salhin Abubakar and Michael Campbell had the hosts in control, and Jack Ball's header after the break made sure of the points.

George Moore came in for the injured Michael Bryan to make up a side that was otherwise unchanged from the one that drew at Merthyr Town the previous week.

Borough's Frank Keita had a host of opportunities to open the scoring in the early exchanges, first having a shot easily saved by Paul Strudley before firing high and wide after Anthony O'Connor and Josh Andrew had combined to set him up.

Despite the early pressure, it was the home side that broke the deadlock, doing so through Abubakar who finished at the near post, and the midfielder turned provider two minutes later, crossing for Campbell to head in the second goal.

Harrow looked stunned by the quick-fire double and their wayward passing and poor deliveries continued into the second half, allowing Wintney to add a third when Ball powered in a header from Joshua Webb's delivery to seal the three points.

The result leaves Borough seventh in the table, four points behind Poole Town in fifth, ahead of Saturday's 3pm kick-off at home to Frome Town.

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