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## TWO goals not enough at Torquay for visitors Stones unrewarded after pushing leaders hard

WEALDSTONE'S inconsistent form continued as they were defeated 3-2 on the road at National League South leaders Torquay United on Saturday.

Kalvin Lumbombo-Kalala and Jamie Reid put the in-form hosts two goals ahead by the 36th minute, with Jeffrey Monakana pulling one back before half-time. Jerome Okimo was also on the scoresheet for the Stones but only after Ruairi Keating had extended Torquay's advantage.

As expected, the Gulls started on the front foot and went close in the early stages through Asa Hall's header, and Reid's effort moments later was close but not close enough to trouble Jonathan North.

An excellent counter attack from Bobby Wilkinson's side in the 23rd minute almost handed them a surprise lead as Monakana led the three-on-one one break, but Danny Green struck the post when the ball was played to him on the right.

Not long after, Torquay made them pay when Keating broke down the left and his cross was volleyed home by Lumbombo-Kalala.

A quick-fire second followed, this time Reid being allowed too much

time to slip his 26th goal of the season beyond North and double the hosts' lead.

Five minutes later though, the Stones were back in it when Green whipped in a cross after playing a short corner, and Monakana got on the end of a half-clearance to just about get the ball over the line.

The visitors came close to finding their equaliser shortly after the restart when Jake Sheppard's defence-splitting pass found Rhys Tyler, and his teasing cross was just about turned away by Jamie Sendles-White.

Just as Wealdstone were beginning to get a grip on the game though, Torquay restored their two-goal cushion when Keating headed in from a corner.

The Gulls were then handed the opportunity to seal the game when Tyler brought down Reid in the area, but North produced an excellent double save to keep the scores down.

This sparked Wealdstone back into life and they notched a second two minutes after the penalty save when Okimo headed in Green's corner, but it wasn't enough to fully spark the comeback.



Bobby Wilkinson's men battled hard against Torquay United but ultimately came away with nothing in the National League South.

## Keita earns late win for Harrow

### INJURY-TIME FINISH SECURES THREE POINTS ON THE ROAD AT GOSPORT

FRANK Keita struck late to hand Harrow Borough all three points in a narrow 1-0 win away at Gosport Borough.

Keita's goal in the third minute of injury time served as payback for the late goal Gosport inflicted upon Harrow earlier in the season while also strengthening Borough's grip on seventh place.

The hosts initially made better use of the excellent conditions at Privett Park, with Ryan Pennery feeding Tony Lee to fire across goal, and Hafed Al-Droubi was alert on two occasions to keep Pennery out.

Harrow's first threat came on 25 minutes when George Moore cut onto his right foot and fired towards goal from 25 yards, but Patrick O'Flaherty flung himself across goal to tip the effort over.

The visitors' best opportunity of the half came when Lewis Cole regained possession and lifted the ball to the back post, but Mark Bitmead failed to get a good connection on it.

Harrow have started the second half of games slowly recently, but that was not the case this time around as Moore's shot was blocked by Mathew Casey before Michael Bryan fired over.

Despite this, it wasn't until the 93rd minute that Harrow found their winner when Josh Andrew drove towards the penalty area and disguised a pass into Keita, who calmly finished beyond O'Flaherty to steal the points.

Borough are at home to Chesham United on Saturday.

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