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THREE wins from four for Dean Brennan's side



Wealdstone celebrate one of their goals against Braintree Town in their National League South fixture on Saturday.

Picture: Adam Williams

Perfect start for Borough

TWO WINS FROM TWO GIVES BOROUGH GOOD PLATFORM



Alex Harris unable to gather.

Picture: Bruce Viveash

HARROW Borough made a winning start to their Southern League Premier Division campaign, firstly beating Merthyr Town 1-0 on the opening day before a 3-2 win away at Hayes & Yeading United on Tuesday.

Goals from Michael Bryan, Frank Keita and Anthony O'Connor ensured the winning start was extended in midweek.

Bryan gave Borough the lead after 29 minutes when he curled in from the edge of the box, but 10 minutes later the hosts had turned it around.

Firstly, James Clark rose highest to glance in a cross from the right and, just six minutes later, Ogo Obi turned inside the box and hit a deflected effort that wrong-footed Hafed Al-Droubi before going in.

An entertaining half was capped off by one more goal though, and it was Borough who got it to level the game, Frank Keita dispatching a penalty after O'Connor was brought down.

The second half was undoubtedly less entertaining, but it contained the decisive goal that Borough craved. As the game looked to be heading for a draw, O'Connor got above everyone to head in Bryan's free-kick and help them on their way to a 100 per cent start.

Saturday's opening game against Merthyr contained just the one goal, and it came from Bryan after 62 minutes with a fine free-kick.

O'Connor was fouled on the edge of the box and although it seemingly took a deflection, Bryan was credited with the goal that gave his side the lead.

It was a lead they held onto for the remainder, and Borough will be looking to continue their perfect start this Saturday at Hartley Wintney.

Stones flying in early stage

WEALDSTONE continued their fine start to the season with a 1-0 win at home to Chippenham Town in the National League South on Tuesday.

Billy Clifford scored the game's only goal after just five minutes to push the Stones up to second with three wins from four games.

In the first attack of the game, Wealdstone took the lead in emphatic fashion. Ross Lafayette played the ball out to Danny Green on the right, and after beating Jay Foulston for pace his cross was met by Clifford's diving header to break the deadlock.

The Stones came close to doubling the lead when Connor Smith met Green's corner on the volley but saw his effort come off the post.

The introduction of Jacob Mendy for the hosts in the second half almost paid dividends when he struck from range, but his shot flew just wide of the target.

The visitors then almost snatched a point in injury time when a dangerous free-kick was sent into the box, but Ste-

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vens' clearance was met with relief and Wealdstone held on to extend their unbeaten start.

That run included a more goal-laden fixture for Dean Brennan's side as they beat Braintree Town 4-0 away from home on Saturday.

An own goal from Ollie Saunders put the Stones ahead in the first half, turning into his own net from Dennon Lewis' cross.

It took until the 73rd minute for the next goal to arrive but it effectively ended the game as a contest.

Green collected from Lafayette's flick and slotted under the goalkeeper, and it was three shortly after when Mendy superbly flicked the ball over the defender and finished on the half-volley.

Wealdstone rubbed salt into the wound late on and secured a fourth as Clifford tucked home from Michael Efete's header.

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