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HAT-TRICK hero secures late Weymouth win



Wealdstone celebrate Ross Lafayette's late winner against Weymouth in their National League South game.

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Borough edge out Casuals

HARROW CONTINUE UNBEATEN START TO SEASON



Michael Bryan sends in a cross.

HARROW Borough continued their fine start to the season by moving up to third in the Southern League Premier Division South courtesy of a 2-1 away win at Walton Casuals on Monday.

Goals in each half from Anthony O'Connor and Kunle Otudeko had Borough in control, and they didn't falter even when Arel Amu's strike three minutes from time made it a nervy finish.

Steve Baker selected the same starting XI for the fourth game running as Harrow got their first outing on a 3G surface this season.

It took time to adjust to the pitch and it resulted in limited chances for both sides early on.

Harrow's first real effort came when Frank Keita burst forward to set up O'Connor, but he had his shot well saved.

The breakthrough did arrive shortly before half-time though, when O'Connor netted for the third successive game with a header from George Moore's cross.

The second half started in a similar vein to the first, with few chances coming to fruition from either team, and it took a change of personnel to inject fresh life into the game.

Otudeko replaced Keita and within minutes had his first goal for the club, striding onto Kensley Maloney's ball forward before stroking the ball into the far corner.

The hosts showed spirit late on and, perhaps deservedly, got a goal to show for their efforts when Amu ran into the box and finished across Hafed Al-Droubi.

It wasn't to be enough though, and Borough held on to secure all three points ahead of this Saturday's home game against Tiverton Town.

Lafayette wins thriller

By Nat Goodlad

WEALDSTONE'S magnificent start to the National League South season continued on Monday with a thrilling 4-3 win away at Weymouth.

Ross Lafayette struck the winner in the 89th minute to complete his hat-trick after Dennon Lewis had equalised from Yemi Odubade's opener. Abdulai Bell-Baggie and Brett Williams also found the net for the hosts.

A lightning start to the game saw the Terras take the lead after just seven minutes when Ollie Harfield squared for Odubade, and he made no mistake when slotting home.

The Stones weren't behind for long though, and levelled proceedings when Billy Clifford's long ball forward landed at the feet of Lewis, and he tucked in his third goal in three games at the near post.

After such a fast-paced opening, the game fell flat after the equaliser and there were limited chances for both sides.

That was until Lafayette popped up to head in Danny Green's corner and restore the lead.

The striker was at it again early in the second half, adding his second and Wealdstone's third when he latched onto Jacob Mendy's pass and found the net at the second attempt, but Weymouth came storming back through Bell-Baggie's close-range effort and a Williams penalty following Jerome Okimo's foul.

Although they left it late, the Stones found the winning formula once again when Lewis' cross from the right was turned in by Lafayette at the near post to send the travelling fans home happy.

Wealdstone also took maximum points from their Saturday clash at home to Hungerford Town.

Mendy gave the Stones a 1-0 lead at the break, but they were pegged back by Josh Martin's strike just shy of the hour mark.

However, Lewis restored parity two minutes later and Lafayette's goal with 15 minutes remaining secured the win.

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