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FIVE-STAR Wealdstone build on league form



Wealdstone eased past Farnborough to set up an FA Cup third round qualifying tie away at Bristol Manor Farm.

Picture: Adam Williams

Borough shake off setback

LEAGUE VICTORY SEES HARROW BOUNCE BACK



Shaun Preddie in action for Harrow Borough.

HARROW Borough recovered from their 1-0 FA Cup defeat at the weekend to Carshalton Athletic by beating Blackfield and Langley 3-1 upon their return to Southern League Premier Division South action.

Luke Warner-Eley and Ryan Moss put Borough 2-0 in front at the break against Blackfield and Luke Williams made the game safe after Fatah Makhoulfi pulled one back.

Warner-Eley struck after 19 minutes to give Harrow a deserved lead, and they extended that advantage just shy of the half-hour mark when Moss provided a good finish.

Blackfield have enjoyed a positive start to the season along with Borough, and showed their quality at the start of the second half when Makhoulfi converted a penalty.

Borough will have been determined to recover from their cup setback though, and restored the two-goal cushion with 20 minutes to go as Williams fired past the goalkeeper.

Things didn't quite go to plan for the side on Saturday as they exited the FA Cup at the second qualifying round stage to Carshalton Athletic.

Christie Pattison scored the only goal of the game to set up a tie away to Lowestoft Town in the next round.

Borough started slowly and were unlucky to not be behind after two minutes when Ricky Korboa beat Shaun Preddie to the ball, but his effort bounced back off the post.

Carshalton kept up the pressure though, and took the lead on 25 minutes when Pattison's curling effort from the edge of the box went in off the woodwork.

Jordan Ireland came the closest to levelling, but headed wide from Michael Bryan's corner as Harrow's cup hopes ended.

FA Cup joy for Stones

By Nat Goodlad

WEALDSTONE eased into the third qualifying round of the FA Cup with a 5-0 win away at Southern League Premier Division South side Farnborough.

Ross Lafayette struck a first-half brace for the Stones, and that was added to by Dennon Lewis, Jacob Mendy and Sanchez Watt to seal an emphatic victory.

The visitors started brightly and were close to taking the lead in just the fifth minute, but Nick Arnold's effort at the far post was cleared off the line.

After constant pressure from Wealdstone in the first half, they got their reward on 30 minutes when Lafayette pounced on a loose ball in the box to fire home.

The second arrived just 10 minutes later as Lewis picked the ball up on the edge of the area, and he rifled a spectacular effort into the top corner.

And, before the half-time whistle could be sounded, the Stones put the game beyond any reasonable doubt when Lafayette got his head to Danny Green's corner and turned in.

The second half continued in largely the same vein as Green and Lafayette both spurned opportunities to make it four, but Mendy didn't pass that chance up just after the hour mark when he latched onto a through ball and finished coolly.

Just seven minutes later Mendy almost had his second, but he blazed over the bar from the edge of the area.

The victory was sealed in style late on as Mendy hit a half-volley that seemed to be travelling off target, but Watt repositioned himself well enough to send a dipping header over the Farnborough goalkeeper for his first goal for the club.

Victory for Wealdstone sets up a tie with Bristol Manor Farm in the third qualifying round, set to be played across the weekend of October 5 and 6, while next they host Havant & Waterlooville in the National League South.

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