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WEALDSTONE preserve five-point lead at top



Wealdstone remain top of the National League South after an away win against mid-table side Chelmsford City.

Picture: Adam Williams

O'Connor salvages late point

BOROUGH RESCUE DRAW AGAINST CHESHAM



Harrow Borough rescued a draw against Chesham United.

ANT O'Connor scored with the last kick of the game to salvage a point for Harrow Borough away at high-flying Chesham United in the Southern League Premier Division South on Tuesday night.

United took the lead through Dave Pearce's penalty in the 67th minute after substitute Romario Hart was hauled down in the box.

But with seconds left to play, Borough snatched an equaliser via O'Connor which sees them stay in 11th place in the table.

On Saturday, Harrow suffered a disappointing 2-1 home loss to Truro City.

A double from Tyler Harvey won it for the away side, although Frank Keita's late header did set up a nervy last five minutes.

City opened the scoring midway through the half as a poor clearance from defender Shaun Preddie allowed Luke Jephcott a strike on goal. Borough goalkeeper Hafed Al-Droubi produced a good save, but Harvey was on hand to convert the rebound.

Truro struck their second on the hour mark. Jephcott's shot from the edge of the box was blocked by the arm of Preddie and a penalty was rightly awarded. Harvey sent Al-Droubi the wrong way and the points looked like they were all wrapped up.

However, Preddie delivered a perfect cross for Keita to head home and make it a nervy final few minutes for the visitors, but they held on at the end to take all three points.

Away from league action, the club have been handed an away tie against AFC Sudbury in the FA Trophy, to be played on October 26.

Stones stay at summit

WEALDSTONE remain top of the National League South after a 3-1 win away at Chelmsford City on Saturday.

Danny Green's header was added to in the second half by Billy Clifford and Jerome Okimo before Dave Winfield's late consolation gave the hosts something to cheer about.

The Clarets started on the front foot and got in behind the Stones a number of times in the opening exchanges. Firstly, Sam Higgins sent the ball through for Shaun Jeffers who couldn't finish and then Higgins himself was unable to capitalise on a slip by Connor Stevens.

Despite the early pressure, it was Wealdstone who seized the initiative when an excellent cross from Nick Arnold was headed home by Green.

Chelmsford immediately looked for a response, but the closest Rod Stringer's side came was when Chris Whelpdale's effort was comfortably stopped by Aston Oxborough.

The Stones upped the tempo in the second half and they doubled their lead less

By Nat Goodlad

than five minutes after the restart when Clifford fired in a stunning free-kick from 30 yards.

Within minutes, the visitors were out of sight as Green's floated free-kick was bundled in by Okimo to put them three goals ahead.

The home side were beginning to struggle with the Wealdstone onslaught and a fourth goal almost arrived when Sanchez Watt skipped his way past two defenders, but his eventual effort from the edge of the box went wide.

Chelmsford found consolation with four minutes of normal time remaining as Winfield rose highest to head home Billy Knott's corner on his league debut, but the Stones saw it out to preserve their five-point lead at the top of the table.

Next up for the Stones is their FA Cup fourth qualifying round tie away at Maidenhead United this Saturday.

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