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WEALDSTONE lose replay against Maidenhead



Wealdstone were knocked out of the FA Cup after a fourth qualifying round replay at home to Maidenhead United ended in a 2-0 defeat.

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Borough poor form continues

DOUBLE DEFEATS MAKE IT FIVE WITHOUT SUCCESS



Harrow Borough are five without a win in Southern League.

HARROW Borough's poor form continued as they were beaten 2-1 at home by Metropolitan Police in the Southern League Premier Division South on Tuesday night.

Borough have now collected just four points from the last available 24, and despite Kunle Otudeko giving them an early lead, they were beaten by strikes from Ayab Assal and Jack Mazzone.

Although Hafed Al-Droubi was tested early on by the Met's Oliver Knight, Borough began well overall and took the lead when Otudeko side-stepped a defender and slotted into the bottom corner.

They failed to build on that early positivity though, and Assal dragged Police level when he capped a wonderful solo run with a fine finish past Al-Droubi.

The key moment came when Shaun Freddie pulled back Mazzone in the area after a defensive mix-up, and he got up to smash home the penalty.

Borough were unable to get back into the game and slipped to their fifth straight game without a win.

That poor run of form had continued on Saturday for Borough too after a 3-1 loss away at Salisbury.

Salisbury opened the scoring with just a minute on the clock when the dangerous Shaquille Hippolyte-Patrick found a way past Hafed Al-Droubi in the Borough goal.

Borough recovered well and deservedly levelled when Frank Keita tucked in George Moore's saved effort, but Salisbury regained their advantage after 56 minutes when Nathaniel Oseni rose highest from a corner to power a header past Al-Droubi, and Hippolyte-Patrick rounded things off with his second.

Cup run over for Stones

WEALDSTONE'S FA Cup dream came to an end on Tuesday night after they were defeated 2-0 at home by National League side Maidenhead United in their fourth qualifying round replay.

Josh Kelly scored twice for the visitors, one either side of a controversial Jacob Mendy red card, to bring to an end a run that started against Farnborough in the second qualifying round.

A slow start to the game for the hosts was punished after 15 minutes when Kelly timed his run perfectly to race in behind the defence and slot past Aston Oxborough.

It could have been two in quick succession for the away side when Remy Clerima got to James Comley's cross, but Oxborough got down well to parry away.

The game's turning point came just before half time when Mendy headed a long-ball back to Oxborough, but the referee deemed that he had fouled Clerima in doing so and sent him off as the last man.

That seemed to suck the life out of the

By Nat Goodlad

Stones and Maidenhead doubled their lead 10 minutes after the restart as Kelly drilled an effort into the bottom corner off the post.

They didn't give up and Billy Clifford's free-kick forced Dunn into an acrobatic save, but it was always going to be an uphill challenge even without the numerical disadvantage, and Maidenhead now go through to face League One side Rotherham United in the first round.

The Stones had initially held Maidenhead to a 1-1 draw in Saturday's original tie.

Ross Lafayette's strike looked to be sending Wealdstone through, but the home side struck late through Ryan Upward to force the replay.

Dean Brennan's side now turn their attention back to the National League South, where they host Tonbridge Angels this Saturday at 3pm.

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