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TWO defeats see gap closed to four points at summit

Borough let lead slip at Merthyr

HARROW LOSE TWO-GOAL ADVANTAGE TO DRAW



Borough had been in control in their trip to Wales.

Wealdstone's National League South lead has been cut to four points after defeats to both Oxford City and Billericay Town this week.

Picture: Adam Williams

HARROW Borough conceded twice in two minutes to surrender a two-goal lead away at Merthyr Town on Saturday.

Ben Tricker's brace had them in pole position to land their third straight win, but Gethyn Hill and an own goal from Tricker saw Merthyr fight back to draw 2-2.

George Moore's suspension allowed Anthony O'Connor back into the side after two months out, while George Fenton returned in place of the injured Thomas Scott.

Harrow went ahead with their first effort on goal after 11 minutes from Tricker. O'Connor was brought down on the right and an in-swinging free-kick was met by the head of the Fulham loanee.

It was all Borough in the second half as Lewis Cole and O'Connor both saw efforts go off target.

However, there was to be a second goal and it was Tricker who doubled his tally for the day by firing into the top corner.

An injury to Marc Charles-Smith and the withdrawal of Chinua Cole meant Borough had to reorganise, and that saw Lewis Cole fill in a left-back.

Merthyr capitalised on that straight away and after Cole conceded a free-kick, the delivery was powerfully headed in by Hill.

A minute later, Merthyr went that side again and a low delivery was turned into his own net by Tricker.

No further goals meant Harrow hung on for a point, but after they were in such a commanding position, they will rue not coming away with all three.

Next up for them is a home game against Hayes & Yeading United this Saturday, kicking off at 3pm.

Stones' lead at top cut

By Nat Goodlad

WEALDSTONE have seen their lead at the top of the National League South cut to just four points after two damaging defeats this week.

The Stones firstly went down 3-2 away at Oxford City on Saturday before another away trip saw them lose 3-1 to Billericay Town on Tuesday evening.

Goals from Odysseus Alfa, Jake Robinson and Femi Akinwande sealed an emphatic win for Billericay in Tuesday's contest, with Jerome Okimo notching for the Stones.

Billericay seized the initiative in the 24th minute as Alfa skipped between two Wealdstone defenders and clinically slotted into the bottom corner.

Wealdstone's task was made much harder in the second half when Jack Jebb, on for just five minutes as a substitute, was shown a straight red card for a foul in the penalty area.

Robinson stepped up to convert, but despite their disadvantage, the Stones were handed a lifeline minutes later when Connor Smith's cross was converted by

Okimo at the far post.

As the visitors pushed forward though, they were caught out at the back and when Akinwande was released down the right, he fired past Harry Isted to seal the win.

On Saturday, Dean Brennan's side managed to level their game against Oxford at 2-2 after being 2-0 down, but Finn Tapp's header restored the lead and won it for the hosts.

Joe Oastler and Elliot Benyon scored for City two minutes either side of half-time, but Jacob Mendy pulled one back on the hour before Adam Coombes made it all square.

However, with 13 minutes to go, an out-swinging corner found the head of Tapp and he powered into the top corner to win it.

Next up for Wealdstone is the visit of Welling United this Saturday.

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