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## WEALDSTONE claim first point of the season



Wealdstone got their first point of the season against Southend

Picture: Jon Taffel

## Own goal costs Harrow

HENDON GET THE BETTER OF HARROW IN DERBY MATCH



Harrow lost to Hendon Town

Picture: Youtube/HTFC

HENDON were gifted an early own goal that saw them come out on top against rivals Harrow Borough, beating them 1-0.

The game was barely a minute old when Amit Biler headed the ball into his own net, a moment that would decide the outcome of the match.

Biler's miserable was made worse after 35 minutes, when he injured his leg and had to be replaced by Alfred Cain.

On the stroke of half-time Bayley Brown blocked a shot from Frank Keita but inadvertently almost diverted the ball past Fred Burbidge for the equaliser.

Fortunately for Hendon, it trundled wide of the mark.

Early in the second half, Christian Smith drew a routine save from Las, while Harrow continued to look for the equaliser, but their final ball all too often found touch rather than a red-shirted player.

Brown probably should have done better in the 54th minute after good combination work from Jayden Clarke, Wilson Carvalho and Smith. The tall midfielder tried to take a touch before shooting, and the ball dribbled too close to Las for him to get any purchase on a shot.

The game became fractious as it wore on, with an off the ball incident involving Hamza Semakula and Cain the catalyst for a scuffle. The result was one caution for each team.

In the 85th minute, Harrow felt Brown should have seen a second yellow card for a mistimed tackle but he stayed on the field and Hendon saw out the win.

## Stones get off the mark

By Ryan Gray

WEALDSTONE claimed their first point of the National League season during a Bank Holiday weekend in which they played twice, but failed to score.

First, Saidou Khan marked his full debut for Chesterfield with a goal as the Spireites got their home campaign underway with a 2-0 win over the Stones before Southend left Grosvenor Vale with a point from a goalless draw.

In the first of the two fixtures, Khan took just five minutes to get on the scoresheet, firing the ball in from the edge of the box on the angle.

Wealdstone goalkeeper George Wickens will be disappointed after being beaten at his near post but he made amends shortly afterwards with a solid save to deny Danny Rowe.

Goalscorer Khan was replaced in midfield at half-time by Jak McCourt after suffering a head injury just before the break.

Craig Fasanmade came close to an equaliser for the visitors early in the second half but his header was just over the

crossbar.

The Spireites made sure of all three points after 81 minutes when George Carlisle headed in at the far post following a corner.

Stones then secured their first league point of the season after battling out a 0-0 draw with Southend.

The hosts had the ball in the net with two minutes to go through Josh Umerah but the strike was disallowed because of a foul.

Southend controlled the first half and created the better chances but their enterprise went unrewarded.

A 2,151 crowd at the Vale saw Matthew Dennis find the net in the 61st minute for the visitors but the effort was ruled out for offside in the build-up.

Otherwise the second half was dominated by Wealdstone, who failed to capitalise on their superiority.



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