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WEALDSTONE make signing after away draw



Josh Umerah opened the scoring for Wealdstone in the first half in their draw against Dagenham **Picture: Jon Taffel**

Fighting Cocks in next round

BROADFIELDS WIN FA CUP TIE AWAY AT SOUTH PARK



Broadfields United
 Picture: BUFC/Twitter

SPARTAN South Midlands Premier Division side Broadfields United beat Isthmian League South Central outfit South Park in the first qualifying round of the FA Cup on Tuesday evening, after forcing the game to a replay at the weekend.

The Fighting Cocks looked like they were on their way out of the tournament on Saturday, with their visitors leading until the dying moments of the match, but a last minute equaliser from Rico Clarke-Rowe sent the game to a replay at Reigate on Tuesday evening.

Darren Brown opened the scoring in the early stages for the visitors before a penalty from Adam Aziz levelled just after half time.

However, an own goal from Tyler Brown with 20 minutes remaining was enough to seal the victory for the away side, who will now host Hastings United in qualifying round two.

There were complaints from the home side when Brown opened the scoring after just 12 minutes of play, as they and their supporters protested a possible offside and a shove, but the official saw nothing wrong with the goal and United were off to a flying start.

Yet, the hosts made an even stronger start to the second half after Melford Simpson's shot was blocked by the arm of one of Broadfields' defenders.

Aziz stepped up to convert the penalty and set up an exciting finish to the match.

It could have been easy for United's heads to drop after losing their lead, but they responded well and, after defending well in the face of South Park pressure, they found the winning goal courtesy of Brown's own goal.

Stones make new signing

By Ryan Gray

DAGENHAM came from behind to secure a point in an entertaining 2-2 draw with Wealdstone in the National League.

Josh Umerah gave Wealdstone the lead inside the first 10 minutes, but Paul McCallum levelled the scores before the half-time break, pouncing after a shot rebounded into his path.

Wealdstone then restored their lead in the 75th minute, with Dennon Lewis tapping home from a cross.

Myles Weston drove down the pitch and crossed for George Saunders to tap home the equaliser just four minutes later.

In a bid to strengthen their side after the draw, Stones completed the signing of striker Ira Jackson Jr.

The club announced the signing on Tuesday with a statement on their website, confirming he would wear the number 16 shirt and that he will be available for this weekend's game against Altrincham.

It reads: "Wealdstone have completed the signing of striker Ira Jackson Jr following his release from National League

rivals Grimsby Town.

The striker had his first taste of league football with the Mariners last season, scoring three times in 15 games. The forward will wear the number 16 shirt for the Stones this term.

Prior to his league debut the striker spent a lot of time in the Kent non-league football scene, playing in the National League for Dover Athletic aged 19 back in 2016.

He has also played for Faversham Town, Ashford United, Ramsgate, Canterbury City, Lordswood, Whitstable Town, Worthing, Margate, Leatherhead, Sittingbourne and Folkestone Invicta, where his 24 goals in 36 games in the 2019/20 Isthmian Premier League season earned him his big EFL move.

Ira will go straight into Stuart Maynard's squad to face Altrincham this weekend."



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