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WEALDSTONE snatch victory from scrappy game



Rhys Browne scored the winning goal for Wealdstone as they beat Barnet

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Borough out of FA Trophy

HARROW WELL BEATEN AWAY AT LEISTON



FA Trophy

HARROW Borough exited their third cup in a week at Leiston, where they were beaten 3-0 in the FA Trophy.

The visitors went behind after just three minutes when a long ball found Brendon Ocran alone on the right wing. He ran into the penalty box, brushing off a challenge and shot across Josh Strizovic into the far corner.

Leiston doubled their lead on 60 minutes.

From a throw in on the right, the ball was crossed into the Harrow penalty area, where it bounced around until falling to Will Davies, who gave Strizovic no chance.

Harrow continued to press as they looked for a route back into the match.

A trademark corner saw James Taylor glance the ball to the far post, where James Ewington blasted the ball over the bar from a yard out.

A George Moore shot also went just wide of the far post.

Leiston thought they had scored again through Davies, but his celebrations were cancelled by the off-side flag.

There was mayhem in the Leiston area when a Harrow attack reached the right goal-line.

The ball was crossed to the penalty spot, where Kunle Otudeko tumbled as it reached him. The ball continued to the edge of the area, where David Ozobia hit a fierce shot. This was blocked, but the ricochet fell to Ewington, who again skied over. It was not his afternoon.

Leiston were gifted their third goal on 83 minutes, when a poor throw out from Strizovic was intercepted and the ball was passed to Davies, who scored his second of the game from close range.

Stones beat rivals Barnet

RHYS Browne's 77th-minute goal gave Wealdstone victory over rivals Barnet in the National League.

The substitute tapped into an empty net after a dummy from Josh Umerah to give the hosts a 1-0 win at Grosvenor Vale.

The clubs, separated by less than eight miles, created little before the break in a contest watched by 2,662.

Barnet goalkeeper Aston Oxborough did well to prevent Jamie Mascoll's deflected free-kick from beating him in the 24th minute, before Ephron Mason-Clark was just wide with a dinked effort at the other end soon after.

The game appeared to be drifting towards deadlock, until 25-year-old Browne made the decisive breakthrough.

After the match midfielder Matt Buse said that the players were delighted with the win but were now looking forward to moving on.

"The two weeks has kind of dragged a little bit if I'm being honest and it's not the ideal prep because it's kind of placed a little too much importance on the

By Ryan Gray

game," he told the club YouTube channel.

"There's been a lot of build up but in a way you just kind of want to get the game out the way and get the right result and that's what we've done, so we're delighted and now we can crack on."

Buse admitted that their opponents had frustrated them throughout the match and at times felt that there might not be a goal at all.

"That's how they play," he continued.

"They make things awkward, there's kind of no structure within their game and they're just off the cuff. They leave three forward and try and play on the break and if I'm being honest, it was a really scrappy game.

"They've got unbelievable resources and facilities so they should be probably coming here and beating us but we've bridged the gap because of the work that everyone's done."

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