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STONES suffer close defeat on the road at Bromley



George Wickens was sent off as Wealdstone were beaten by Bromley

Picture: Jon Taffel

Maynard left frustrated by ref in Bromley loss

BYRON Webster scored a last-gasp winner to earn high-flying Bromley a 3-2 win over 10-man Wealdstone in the National League.

The visitors, who saw their early lead wiped out by two Bromley goals in five first-half minutes, overcame the loss of goalkeeper George Wickens to a red card early in the second period to make it 2-2 and looked set to snatch a point, only for Webster to strike at the death.

Wealdstone went in front in style after only eight minutes as Josh Umerah found the net with a backheeled flick at the near post from a Jamie Mascoll cross. George Alexander equalised

By Ryan Gray

in the 25th minute after Webster had headed down Chris Bush's free-kick and Marcus Sablier completed the turnaround soon after with a fine lone-range effort (29).

Wealdstone's problems increased 11 minutes into the second half when Wickens was sent off following a clash with Alexander.

But the 10 men were level in the 72nd minute as Charlie Cooper's ball in was headed back at the far post by Jack Cook.

But they could not hold out as Webster's close-range finish earned Bromley a late win.

After the match boss Stuart Maynard said he was 'frustrated' and bemoaned some of the referee's decisions.

"I thought the lads were excellent from minute one," said Maynard.

"We went 1-0 up, then we hit the underside of the bar and could have gone two, and then they've come back into the game.

"It's frustrating and I'm heartbroken at the minute for the lads because they've given everything. We went down to ten men at 2-1 down and then we

came back in.

"I don't like going on about refereeing decisions and officials' decisions but it's becoming a bit the norm for us and I'm not one who wants to talk about having a small club mentality, but it feels a bit like that, again, because we're the small club, all the decisions have gone the other way.

"For their first goal, it's a throw in to us - a blatant throw in to us and the last goal at the end, he's two yards offside.

"He's sent our goalie off for a shoulder barge against our man and he didn't even see it, his back's to play. He's guessing, so it's frustrating for us."

Borough earn point at Chesham

HARROW EMERGE WITH A DRAW FROM CHESHAM



Harrow goalkeeper Josh Strizovic
Picture: Harrow Borough FC

HARROW Borough were involved in their first draw of the season in their 29th match, as their game at Chesham finished 0-0.

Gritty rearguard action from Harrow, and strong goalkeeping from Josh Strizovic, enabled them to earn an important point.

Early exchanges were even, with Bradley Clayton's curling free-kick held by Strizovic and James Taylor glancing a Kunle Otudeko corner narrowly over the bar.

A neat Harrow move saw Samuel Adenola send George Moore on a run up the right. He exchanged passes with Otudeko before shooting across goal.

Strizovic saved Kasinga's far post header and then kept out Joseph's angled left-foot strike.

Play continued to be end-to-end with Strizovic saving another Clayton free-kick and Gibbons's shot from the edge of the box, before James Ewington's hard work enabled Taylor to cross deep to the far post, where George Moore rose above former colleague Chinua Cole to head wide.

It was not to be an even second period, however, as within 15 seconds Strizovic had to race from his goal to tackle a home forward, the ball rebounding to a colleague who lifted it over the bar.

Clayton had the ball in the net after a poor clearance by Adenola, but the assistant's flag was raised. The same player hit a left-foot shot that crashed off the post as the hosts pushed to find a way through.

Clayton again created a chance, Kouassi's header kept out by a great Strizovic save, with Casey's header from the resulting corner striking the woodwork.

Strizovic was then called up on to dive at the feet of Kouassi and he also made a magnificent full-length save low to his left. In the dying moments to keep the game level at full time.