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SPOT kick sends Stones back home empty-handed



Wealdstone players protest the referee's decision to award a penalty away at Halifax Town

Picture: Jon Taffel

Halifax penalty enough to defeat Wealdstone

MATT Warburton's first-half penalty was the difference as Halifax won 1-0 at Wealdstone.

Josh Umerah had a chance for Wealdstone in the opening half-hour but his shot from the edge of the box curled over the bar.

Halifax took the lead from the spot in the 34th minute after Craig Fasanmade fouled Kieran Green and Warburton stepped up to slot home.

The Stones pressed for an equaliser in the second half and came close through Jayden Sweeney but his effort was saved by Sam Johnson.

Warburton had chances to extend the Shaymen's lead with a volleyed effort and a shot from

By Ryan Gray

the edge of the box but his first-half penalty was enough to take home the three points.

Halifax climbed to fourth in the National League after back-to-back wins while the Stones remain 17th.

After the game Wealdstone boss Stuart Maynard said his team simply could not create their own fortune despite putting in a solid performance.

"You've got to create your own luck at times and I think at times when the ball drops to you in the 18-yard box you've

got to really want to dive to get on the end of it and put it in the net," he told the Wealdstone YouTube channel.

"I thought the game was an even game, both ways. I think they had a few little half chances and we probably had the best chance in the first half with Josh Umerah when he gets down the side one-on-one with the goalie, he probably just got caught in two minds and ended up hitting it over the bar and then we've given away a silly penalty and you just can't do it.

"That's the frustrating thing for me in a sense that the lads have worked so hard again and it's a narrow narrow loss to a

team who's in the playoffs."

Despite the loss, Maynard said he felt it represented the club's progress over the past two seasons, given how well they did against similar teams last season.

"It shows how far we've come," he said. "We were getting beaten by these teams and not even teams as good as this, so we've come far as a team and a club but it's frustrating. You come away and it's a narrow loss to Halifax who are a good team, a really good team.

"They're very hard to play against, they move the ball fast in the final third and they're a good team."

Chesham batter Borough

HARROW CONCEDE FOUR AT HOME TO CHESHAM UNITED



Harrow manager Steve Baker

Picture: Harrow Borough

CHESHAM continued their great run up the table with a comprehensive 4-1 victory over Harrow Borough, who continued on their downward path, having now only taken one point from their last four league games.

Shaun Preddie and Leo Donnellan were injury absences for Harrow, which meant Ahmet Biler came into the defence, with Lewis Cole returning to midfield after suspension. Michael Bryan replaced Kunle Otudeko, and Anthony O'Connor came in for Dernell Wynter.

It took Chesham just six minutes to take the lead, as Ferreira De Paiva and Karl Oliyide combined to get past James Taylor to the right-hand by-line before Oliyide delivered a cross that was converted by Kylian Kouassi.

Harrow tried to hit back with a George Moore shot, wide, an O'Connor effort, over the bar, and another Moore effort stopped by Sam Beasant in the Chesham goal.

Referee Mr Bailey waved away home claims for a penalty when O'Connor went down in the box, the Borough striker then off-target with an angled shot and a header from Bryan's cross, saved by Beasant, as the half closed.

Just as on Tuesday, the second half was much more one-sided.

In the 59th minute The Generals doubled their lead. Lewis Cole and Moore combined to lose possession in Harrow territory, and Kouassi broke away to slide the ball under Strizovic.

When Kirby headed a Harrow corner away in the 63rd minute, it led to a rapid break downfield by Chesham. The Borough rearguard were nowhere to be seen as Barzey latched on to a crossfield pass from Oliyide to cut in from the left and convert.

The win was sealed in the 86th minute when Barzey span Tricker one way and then the other before firing past Strizovic.