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WEALDSTONE beaten away at Boreham Wood



Wealdstone boss Stuart Maynard was proud of his team's performance against Boreham Wood

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Maynard proud after Stones' narrow loss

WEALDSTONE boss Stuart Maynard said he was proud of his team's performance in a tough 1-0 defeat to Boreham Wood on Tuesday.

Stones hadn't played a game since December 18 due to Covid outbreaks before they travelled to Meadow Park hoping to prevent the Wood from achieving an eighth consecutive unbeaten league game.

The visitors got the first big chance as a goal-bound effort from the Stones was hooked off the line by hosts' midfielder Josh Ries.

Boreham Wood's goal came early in the second half when Scott Boden's flick-on found Danilo Orsidadomo, who shot in into the top corner.

By Joseph Quiruga

Then the home side nearly scored a second when Frankie Raymond's flashy long-range attempt was denied by the crossbar.

Despite some late pressure from Wealdstone, Boreham Wood held firm for three points and retained their third-place spot, while the visitors sunk to a fourth successive defeat.

Maynard told the club YouTube channel: "[I'm] proud of the lads, it's been a really difficult period since Christmas, we played no games, we've only had one training sessions in weeks.

"And then you're playing a team that are flying at the top of the league, just got through in the FA Cup and are flying with confidence.

"I can't dig any of the lads. I'm proud of them, it's a performance that I am proud of, to go and dig in and give everything they have after everything that's happened."

Maynard said his team's inability to prepare had hampered their chances.

"Boreham Wood kept going, they got their chance on a pullback which we told the lads about, but we haven't had a chance to work on it.

"We probably needed to make 4 or 5 substitutes to freshen it up, but we can't make five. That's just the way it is, we'll keep going, we've got

a big game against Dover on Saturday, we'll recover - the recovery is important."

His opponent's manager Luke Garrard told Boreham Wood YouTube channel: "I said to the lads, by hook or by crook win this game, and that's exactly what we did.

"I give credit to Stuart Maynard's side - brilliant patterns, superb movement - I have to say they looked fresh, credit where credit's due on their part."

Wealdstone's next match is against Dover on January 15, while Boreham Wood play a fourth round FA Trophy tie against Maidstone United.

Wealdstone are currently in 19th place in the National League.

Borough win in shootout

HARROW MAKE LONDON SENIOR CUP PROGRESS



Josh Strizovic

Picture: Harrow Borough FC

A PERFECT five from the penalty spot from Harrow Borough, with a single save from Josh Strizovic, saw them beat Corinthian Casuals to go through to the second round of the London Senior Cup, where they will host Brentford B.

The game was an entertaining and even contest from the beginning, with Leo Donnellan forcing a save from Daniel Bracken early on, while Dernell Wynter and Lewis Cole both had efforts go narrowly wide.

The closest either side came to a goal in the first half was when Nordibek Bobomurodov ran through and took the ball round Strizovic, only to be denied by a goal-line clearance from Samuel Adenola.

At the other end Wynter sent Antonio Dembele in on the left. He squared to George Moore who shot just over before Bracken saved Wynter's deflected shot in the final action of the half.

After a close Dembele effort at the start of the second half, the hosts started to push.

Strizovic saved from Bobomurodov and then from Nathaniel Pinney.

Harrow's best opportunity came when Ikebuasi delivered a pinpoint cross from the right onto the head of Frank Keita, who nodded over from five yards after the midfielder had just come off the bench.

A Moore corner saw both Wynter and James Mansfield unsuccessful with over-head kick attempts.

Ben Cheklit flashed a near-post header over the bar as the ninety minutes drew to a close and it was on to the penalties.

Wynter opened the scoring for Harrow before Kieron Cadogan was denied by Strizovic.

O'Connor, Keita and Adenola then fired home for Harrow, Pinney, Cheklit and Diallo matching them for Casuals, which meant Biler stepped up knowing that if he scored, Harrow were through, and he did precisely that.