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WEALDSTONE move further from the drop zone



Wealdstone celebrate taking the lead against Dover

Picture: Jon Taffel

Stones come from behind to beat Dover

WEALDSTONE are now nine points clear of relegation after they came from behind to snatch a 2-1 victory from Dover on Saturday at Grosvenor Vale.

Stones boss Stuart Maynard said his team lacked quality on the ball but said they came away with the win because they worked hard to overcome a lethargic start.

The first goal came in the 23rd minute, when on-loan Alfie Pavey thumped home a Dover goal.

Wealdstone got an early chance when Craig Fasanmade was upended in the box and the Stones were duly awarded a penalty.

But the leveller was denied by Dover goalkeeper Adam Parkes, who saved Ashley Charles' attempt.

By Joseph Quiruga

However, the home team refused to let the penalty miss get the better of them and they emerged with renewed determination and vigour for the second half.

Wealdstone scored their first of two when a corner from Charlie Cooper connected with Connor Stevens' head to get the equaliser.

Then, in the 70th minute, Cooper connected again, this time with Charles tapping in a redeeming but deserved winner.

Wealdstone's manager Stuart Maynard told the club's YouTube channel that his side lacked the quality they

had shown in their loss to Boreham Wood, but believes their hard work pushed them over the finish line.

"Football is a funny old game. I thought today we looked lethargic, but we got three points," said Maynard.

"The lads dug deep and as a collective we got the three points and that puts us in an unbelievable position now in the league."

The boss was especially full of praise for the two goal scorers.

"Connor has had a tough couple of years, and the club has been great with him," he continued.

"We know what we had with Connor, and we stuck with him, stuck with his injuries.

"He's got an unbelievable attitude - he works so hard, he loves the game,

and he's getting his own rewards now. "Charlsey was another one who worked hard today.

"His quality was really poor, but he rolled his sleeves up and went ahead until the 93rd minute.

"I'm delighted with the three points because it puts us in a good position now."

Wealdstone will be hoping to move even further clear of the National League drop zone when they face fourteenth-placed Woking this coming Saturday.

Dover Athletic meanwhile languish at the bottom of the table.

They were deducted 12 points at the start of the season, and now have minus eight, having failed to win a single match all season.

Borough dealt late Yate defeat

HARROW LOSE OUT TO STOPPAGE TIME WINNER



Harrow Borough at Yate

Picture: Gary Holderness

HARROW Borough were dealt a sucker punch at the weekend, as Yate Town scored a 100th minute goal to claim a 2-1 win.

Harrow started awfully and almost gifted their hosts a goal after just 15 seconds, when they lost the ball and opened up at the back for James Harding to run through unchallenged on goal, only to be stopped by a fine Josh Strizovic save.

Four minutes later however, the ball was in the Borough net after Shaun Predie stupidly tripped a home forward in the box.

Despite Strizovic diving the right way, Luke Hopper's penalty was right into the corner and The Bluebells had the lead.

Harrow awoke, albeit briefly, to threaten for the first time as George Moore and Dernel Wynter had shots blocked following a deep Michael Bryan cross, but it should have been two-nil when Strizovic inexplicably passed the ball straight to Harding, who laid it sideways to Ollie Mewhew who skied it over the bar when he only had the Borough custodian to beat.

Harrow battled and weathered a number of Yate storms, before recovering well in the second half and with only eight minutes of the match to go it looked as if they had managed to earn a point.

After blocking Joe Tumelty's shot, Samuel Adenola grew in influence at the other end.

He shot wide and had another effort blocked by Matt Bower before, in the 82nd minute, he slipped a lovely ball through to James Ewington who ran through, took the ball wide left of Andrew Hannah, and squeezed it into the goal for the equaliser.

However, ten minutes stoppage-time were played after Liam Angel took a nasty blow on the head in an aerial contest.

This was just enough time for Nick Rhodes to bundle the ball over line from a corner and snatch all three points right at the death.