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## WEALDSTONE complete double over the Bees



Wealdstone celebrate their victory over Barnet with the away supporters

Picture: Jon Taffel

# Stones up to 16th after big away win at Barnet

WEALDSTONE made it back-to-back wins in the National League with a 3-1 victory over Barnet.

The Stones moved up to 16th in the table, while Barnet dropped down to 19th with one win in nine games.

Nathan Ferguson put Wealdstone ahead 13 minutes in after finding space and firing the ball home.

The Stones doubled their lead on the half-hour mark when Nik Tavares picked out Josh Umerah with a low ball, and he found the net.

Barnet pulled a goal back three minutes into the second half as Ben Richards-Everton got on the end of a loose ball.

By Ryan Gray

However, Jayden Mundle-Smith extended the two-goal lead in the 51st minute, shooting across goal to steer his side to three points.

After the match Stones boss Stuart Maynard dedicated the win to the fans.

He told the club YouTube channel: "The fans, from minute one, it was incredible.

"There was 800 or 900 packed in and they did not stop singing from minute one right the way to the end and because of that, they drove the level.

"The atmosphere of the fans

was just incredible. It's unbelievable. So that was for them today, like I said earlier in the week, that was for the fans that performance and that result. It's for the fans, for all the directors, for Rory [Fitzgerald], the chairman and for all of them behind the scenes that work so hard to get this club to where it is."

The win puts Wealdstone in a much healthier position in the league as they look to stave off the possibility of relegation.

Maynard believes their subtle approach could help them achieve that this season.

"The crazy thing is this season I don't think we've ever been in bad form," he said. "I think the

most we've gone on and not won a game was five games. In this league, that's not bad.

"You can see if you went and looked at everyone's form within the league teams are losing sevens and eights on the bounce. And that's from the top half teams down to the bottom half teams. So I think what we've done, I think we've gone under the radar all season. Us as a football club have gone under the radar.

"We haven't gone and won five or seven or eight on the bounce and had people start highlighting and looking into it. We've just slowly ticked along and that's what we've got to do. We've just got to keep ticking along."

## Borough's poor run continues

HARROW LOSE AGAIN AWAY AT HAYES & YEADING



Antonio Dembele

Picture: HBFC

HARROW Borough picked up a seventh league defeat from their last eight games with a 4-2 loss to Hayes & Yeading on Tuesday.

Harrow kicked off, lost the ball pretty quickly, and inside a minute were a goal down, as Jack Williams got past George Moore all-too-easily to reach the left-hand by-line. His low cross found Moses Emmanuel at the far post, and he had time to take a touch before firing home.

Worse followed in the fourth minute as Omar Rowe picked up the ball 25 yards out, and was given time to take aim and curl a sumptuous right-foot finish past a despairing Josh Strizovic.

In the 19th minute Borough pulled a goal back. James Ewington pressurised a home defender into a mistake, brought the ball forward, and laid it to his right for Antonio Dembele to score.

Remarkably given the game's opening, Harrow reached the interval just a goal down, and even better was to follow, four minutes into the second half.

Leo Donnellan put Ewington through in the inside-right channel, and – enjoying the rare treat of having a strike partner – he squared the ball to Dembele, who held off a challenge to fire home and restore parity.

But the equaliser had the effect of re-awakening Hayes.

Borough were in a defensively stressed state and the dam broke in the 63rd minute when another left-wing break saw James Taylor's header appear to deal with the original threat, only for the hosts to recycle possession back to Francis Amartey, whose shot almost burst the net.

Taylor had a shot blocked at the other end after good work from Ewington and Moore, but in the 73rd minute it was 4-2. Ezra Ikebusasi was felled, but no foul was given, and Amos Nasha's deep cross from the area that was now vacant found Cole Brown at the far post, and he volleyed in.