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WEALDSTONE pegged back by Gulls at home



Wealdstone scored first as they took a point from their game against Torquay United

Picture: Jon Taffel

Stones earn a draw from Torquay United

TORQUAY were unable to reignite their push for the National League play-off places as they drew 1-1 at struggling Wealdstone.

The Gulls are nine points off the top seven after being held to a third successive draw, although it might have been worse for Gary Johnson's men as they needed an 81st-minute equaliser just to salvage a point.

In a match played behind closed doors for safety reasons, Torquay enjoyed the better start with Stephen Duke-McKenna, Connor Lemonheigh-Evans and Danny Wright going close.

Wealdstone came close to snatching a half-time lead when

By Ryan Gray

Aaron Henry's free-kick was deflected goalwards and forced a superb goal-line save from Torquay goalkeeper Shaun MacDonald.

And it was the 18th-placed Stones who took the lead when substitute Jaydn Mundle-Smith slotted home in the 72nd minute.

But Torquay rallied and Ben Wynter's leveller from Armani Little's free-kick earned them a point.

Following the match, Stones' assistant coach Matt Saunders said he felt disappointed to have

conceded a late equaliser, but felt a point was ultimately a fair result on the balance of play.

"Every point is one closer to our target," Saunders told the Wealdstone website. "We always go out to win the game, but a point was fair. They edged the first half, they pressed high but once we got the lads in at half-time and spoke to them tactically about how to take the press and the impetus away, I thought we controlled the second half. We deserved the goal and it was a brilliant goal, too. It was disappointing to concede but that's where we are at as a team. If you take the next step, and avoid goals like that, you end up being

a playoff team."

Saunders was also encouraged by the way Wealdstone had played against a side like Torquay, who had been pushing for promotion earlier this season.

"The fact we are limiting a side like Torquay, with the quality they have, to one goal and even taking the lead is a massive positive," he continued. "Conceding late on is an annoyance but it's something we want to learn from. Our defensive record is good. I was more concerned earlier in the season when we went behind first as it then becomes an uphill battle. Up until recently we only got one point after falling behind and that was at Weymouth."

Borough win with comeback

HARROW COME FROM TWO DOWN TO BEAT TAUNTON



Harrow celebrate

Picture: Bruce Viveash

HARROW staged an extraordinary comeback in the second half to inflict a 3-2 defeat on a Taunton side that had won their last 10 league games, ending a four game losing streak.

The Peacocks went in front in the 24th minute when Harrow's David Amate gave the ball away, which allowed the visitors to build an attack on the left. Ezra Ikebuasi's block kept out an initial shot, but the ball fell to Toby Holmes who stuck it away.

Leo Donnellan should have done better than to head George Moore's cross straight at Will Buse in a rare chance for Harrow, while Taunton continued to attack.

The miss looked costly in the 31st minute as Borough fell further behind. Ikebuasi gave away a free-kick on the left corner of the box and Jay Foulston's pacy delivery was headed home from close range by Jake Wannell.

The score remained 2-0 until the second half when a resurgent Harrow kicked off their remarkable turnaround.

In the 52nd minute they halved the deficit.

Moore made a strong run from left to right, eventually slipping the ball to Antonio Demebele just inside the box. Donnellan took it from him and moved towards the by-line, pulling the ball back, only for Buse to divert it over his own goal-line for an own goal.

The equaliser arrived in the 75th minute as Shaun Preddie popped up on the right wing to pull the ball back for James Ewington, who pulled away from his marker to blast the ball right-footed into the net, off the bar, from ten yards out.

The comeback was completed in the 83rd minute as Buse flapped at Donnellan's inswinging corner. The ball travelled on to the far post where the alert Ewington headed home for his 31st goal of the campaign, to cue huge celebrations.