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MAYNARD praises Wealdstone's strong response



Wealdstone beat Maidenhead after losing against Eastleigh

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Stones recover from defeat to beat Magpies

SECOND-HALF goals from Jack Cook and Rhys Browne earned Wealdstone a 2-0 win at Maidenhead in the National League.

The result was the perfect response from the Stones after they had been thrashed 4-1 at the weekend by Eastleigh, who picked up a first win in 12 matches.

The Spitfires took the lead 10 minutes in when Danny Whitehall curled a free-kick over the wall and past George Wickens.

Ryan Hill scored after 52 minutes, chipping the ball over Wickens to double the lead but Stones then pulled one back – six minutes later – when Aaron Henry found Charles Clayden,

By Ryan Gray

who slotted the ball past goalkeeper Joe McDonnell.

The hosts restored their two-goal lead five minutes later through Tom Broadbent, who headed home a corner from Harry Pritchard.

Danny Hollands added a fourth for the Spitfires in the 67th minute, dipping the ball over Wickens from a short corner.

It was a defeat that could have been costly for Wealdstone's morale, but they were able to put the game behind them quickly,

winning at the next opportunity.

The Stones came closest to opening the scoring in the first half, with Connor McAvoy heading Charles Clayden's cross narrowly wide in the 14th minute.

After Alan Massey had gone close for Maidenhead with an ambitious long-range effort which went over the crossbar, the visitors took control with two goals in 10 minutes.

After Cook stabbed home Henry's free-kick in the 65th minute, Brown doubled the advantage with an accurate finish from the edge of the box to ensure a fourth away win of the season and move Wealdstone four points clear of 20th-placed

Aldershot.

After the match, Stones boss Stuart Maynard praised his side's response to the defeat at the weekend.

"We've got a great group of lads that give everything," Maynard told the club YouTube channel.

"We're learning, we're a young group, but huge huge credit to them on a Tuesday night to come to Maidenhead after losing 4-1 at the weekend and putting in a performance like that. They did not stop running for 90 minutes.

"You've just got to give huge credit to the lads, as much as we did tweak the tactics."

Borough draw with Swindon

SUPERMARINE COME FROM BEHIND TWICE AT HARROW



Harrow's Lee Donnellan

Picture: Bruce Viveash

HARROW Borough drew 2-2 in an entertaining game on a chilly afternoon against Swindon Supermarine.

New signing Yasin Ben El-Mhanni was brought into the team, with Antonio Dembele dropping to the bench.

Attacking the clubhouse, Supermarine could have gone in front straight away, as Harry Williams cut through a square back-line. Josh Strizovic came out and made a fine save at his feet, with Shaun Preddie making a great block to stop a follow-up shot.

Preddie was then in action at the other end, with his overhead kick following a corner going wide.

El-Mhanni combined with George Moore to give James Ewington a pass to chase, but visiting keeper Martin Horsell came out of his area to chest the ball away. Horsell then batted away David Amate's angled drive.

Harrow gave themselves a lead to take into the break, with Ewington firing in on the end of Amate's cross from the right.

However, Supermarine threatened an equaliser three times as the second period began. First, George Dowling's curling free-kick was saved by Strizovic, Ryan Campbell's jinking run ended with a shot across goal, and Williams dived to glance a header across goal from Hopkins's cross.

Swindon eventually equalised in the 56th minute with Campbell racing through to score.

Harrow were level for less than a minute however, with El-Mhanni making a great run up the right.

His cross found Moore, who drove the ball into the corner of the net.

The celebrations were short lived however, as Borough's lead only lasted four minutes, with Phillips running at the defence before equalising. He skipped past Amate and James Mansfield before beating Strizovic.