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CLOSE battle ends with Wealdstone edging victory



Wealdstone came from behind to beat Weymouth 3-2 at home in the National League

Picture: Jon Taffel

Stones recover to beat Weymouth at home

RHYS Browne scored a brace as Wealdstone held on for maximum points as they claimed a narrow 3-2 comeback victory over National League strugglers Weymouth at Grosvenor Vale.

The home side came close to netting an early opener as Browne struck the crossbar after just four minutes, with the ball bouncing on the line before appeals went unanswered, while Sean Shields saw an effort deflect wide at the other end.

Aaron Henry fired just over as the Stones continued to push midway through the first half, but it was Weymouth that broke

By Ryan Gray

the deadlock as Bradley Ash curled the ball beautifully into the top corner on the stroke of half-time for his fourth goal of the season.

Browne equalised five minutes into the second half as the hosts came out fighting. The 26-year-old forward got on the end of Jerome Okimo's cross and picked out the far corner to level matters.

Wealdstone took the lead three minutes later as Jack Cook got on the end of Henry's free-kick to turn the match

around and Brown completed his double by slotting the ball home following a Henry corner to add the gloss with 16 minutes remaining.

The Terras mounted a late fightback as Josh McQuoid slotted home at the far post to reduce the deficit with five minutes remaining before they came close to equalising numerous times in the closing stages but the home side held on for maximum points.

After the match, assistant manager Matt Saunders told the club YouTube account that it was important for his players to not overreact after going in at half time a goal down.

"I do think performances are important but at the end of the day in these games, the result overrides the performance," said Saunders.

"You've always got to look at it as a long term view, I believe, with performances and results in terms of how they work out in that we've performed probably worse than that and won, or better than that and lost, so it kind of all evens itself out to a degree.

"I actually thought we were okay in the first half. It was a massive half time team talk, it was really huge, because it was important not to overreact, we weren't actually bad."

Borough overcome Wintney

HARROW COMPLETE FIRST LEAGUE DOUBLE OF SEASON



Harrow Borough celebrate

Picture: Bruce Viveash

BOROUGH completed their first league double of the season by beating Hartley Wintney 2-1.

Steve Baker made three changes to the side that drew with Swindon a week ago, James Taylor returned to centre of defence while Michael Bryan and Kunle Otudeko returned in midfield.

Neither side had created a clear cut opportunity until ten minutes before half time when George Moore fed a neat pass through to James Ewington. Hartley keeper Luke Williams made a brave save, forcing the striker wide of the goal, but as Harrow supporters know Ewington is lethal from tight angles and drove the ball into the net.

After the break it was the visitors who dominated the early exchanges with Michael Burton running onto a long ball down the middle, but Josh Strizovic got there just before him only for his clearance to cannon off the striker back into his path with the home keeper on the floor. Borough defenders Ikebuasi and Taylor both bravely shut down Burton before he had a chance to score in the empty goal.

In the 72nd minute Leo Donnellan won the ball in midfield, then passed it to George Moore on the wide right just inside the visitors half of the field. Moore had the attention of three defenders who all failed to stop him getting to the by-line. Ewington was off the field having treatment for a blood injury, so with no forward to pass to, Moore cut inside continuing his run right across the goalmouth before stroking the ball into the net with his left foot. A glorious goal, on an afternoon of generally poor football.

Wintney took their chance to pull a goal back late on as Jordan Edwards hit a deep corner that Harry Taylor powerfully headed home.

But Borough defended well in the final minutes to see out the victory.