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WEALDSTONE beaten at home by Chesterfield



Wealdstone were beaten at home by Chesterfield in the Vanarama National League

Picture: Jon Taffel

Maynard unhappy with officials as Stones lose

WEALDSTONE found themselves in the way of Chesterfield's Vanarama National League play-off drive with a 2-1 defeat at Grosvenor Vale.

The Spireites had an early chance when Liam Mandeville was played in on goal, but his heavy touch saw the ball run through to the keeper.

Chesterfield eventually broke the deadlock in the 34th minute when Jamie Grimes crashed a half-volley into the top corner from a knockdown by Tom Denton.

Wealdstone were level seven minutes into the second half through Joshua Umerah, but substitute Joe Quigley won it

By Ryan Gray

for Chesterfield with 22 minutes left, slamming in a 20-yard drive for his first goal for the club.

Wealdstone boss Stuart Maynard said his side were disappointed with the way the game played out.

"We started well, we kept the ball really well and they sucker punched us," he told the club YouTube channel. "They got a goal out of nothing, it was a bit of a sloppy goal for us to concede because I always think that when the ball drops in and around your 18 yard box, you

need to have another contact or a block. You can't take the credit away from him, he's put it in this corner, it's some strike from him, but it's disappointing and the lads are really disappointed."

"We did okay, in the first half, we played okay with the ball. We needed to be a little bit more penetrating but you have got to give credit to them. They sat in a little bit of a low block and it was hard to break down."

As pleased as he was with his own team's performance, Maynard was far less enamoured by what he saw from the referee, something he feels has been a problem all season.

"I thought the referee for both teams was atrocious," he continued. "And it's becoming a bit of a regular thing now, in every interview, you're having to mention the officials and it shouldn't be like that at the level that we're at now."

"We're basically in the fourth division and the officiating has got to be better, they shouldn't be having a key role on the game at this level."

"We should have had a penalty, at least one penalty, and then they go score from it at the other end and that's how quickly the game changes."

"It's a blatant penno, and then there's a shout for a second."

Borough draw with Salisbury

HARROW AND SALISBURY PLAY OUT GOALLESS GAME



Harrow drew with Salisbury

Picture: Bruce Viveash

HARROW Borough had a seventh game unbeaten out of the last eight, but could have taken all three points as they drew 0-0 with Salisbury.

Ahmet Biler made a fine interception to stop a dangerous Charlie Davis cross seconds into the game but much of the first half was stop-and-start, with Salisbury players going down like ninepins, the first being Calvin Brooks, who took a fierce Biler clearance smack in the face from close range.

James Ewington's break saw his first effort blocked and his second deflect wide off a defender.

Harrow had the better of the first half and were closest to scoring, first when Ewington got to the bye-line, his cross was headed across the goal by George Moore. Then Moore and Ewington created a chance for Yasin Ben El-Mhanni at the far post, but Salisbury's Davis got the faintest of touches to the ball to take it off the Harrow man's toe.

Salisbury started the second period the better, and Josh Strizovic made the save of the day, flying high to his left to tip away Layton Tulk's goalbound drive.

Josh Wakefield then turned up at the far post and Strizovic kept out his low shot. Shaun Preddie blocked Davis's chance before Harrow grew back into the game.

Ewington netted but was foiled by a contentious offside decision, Patrick O'Flaherty pushed a Michael Bryan shot round the post, and Ewington managed to miskick Antonio Dembele's cross from only six yards out.

As the game neared its end, Harrow missed two good chances. First Preddie moved onto Moore's lifted ball but fired way too high from a very narrow angle. Then, James Mansfield dispossessed Tulk, exchanged passes with Ezra Ikebuasi, strode on into the penalty area but hammered the ball over the bar.