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## HARROW round off season with close-fought loss



Harrow Borough ended their season at Weston-Super-Mare at the weekend

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# Borough beaten away at Seagulls on final day

HARROW Borough were beaten 2-1 away at Weston-Super-Mare on the final day of the season.

Steve Baker kept the team that had started last Saturday's game at Poole and Harrow were bright from the kick-off.

James Ewington and George Moore combined to give Yasin Ben El-Mhanni a shooting opportunity. That was blocked, but from the resulting corner El-Mhanni eventually converted.

If home fans were already nervous, they were all-the-more-so now. James Mansfield and El-Mhanni combined to feed Ahmet Biler, whose near post cross was met by a flashing header, wide, by Leo Donnellan.

Marlon Jackson met Scott Laird's low cross with a sliding attempt that

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flew across the Harrow goalmouth as the hosts began to settle.

In the 25th minute, Donnellan gave away a free-kick just inside the Harrow half. It was taken quickly, with Jordan Bastin feeding Nick McCootie, who angled a low right-foot shot from the corner of the box past Strizovic into the net.

Marlon Jackson, in a similar position to McCootie when he scored, contrived to fall over when he collected McCootie's pass, McCootie then turning in the box to put a left-foot shot wide.

Michael Bryan broke forward and drove a low cross across the goalmouth,

just too far in front of his team-mates. El-Mhanni's corner from the left then clattered into the near post as the half finished level.

With news that Chesham were three goals up, Weston-Super-Mare's fifth-place spot was seriously threatened and home nerves could have worsened had the scores stayed level for much of the second period.

However, they took the lead within fifty seconds of the restart, McCootie getting past Biler on the right and driving a low cross that Jackson converted from close in.

However, Harrow heads didn't drop. Max Harris needed two goes to hold Moore's header from El-Mhanni's free-kick, and the home keeper then made an outstanding reaction save to

keep out James Taylor's header from El-Mhanni's corner. El-Mhanni's free-kick was then touched onto the bar by Harris.

Weston hit back, and Humphries's lofted drive was tipped over the bar by Strizovic. Pope headed over from the resulting corner, and Kieran Thomas then headed across goal.

Weston went closest yet to a third when Dayle Grubb's shot hit the post and Strizovic made a wonderful save to keep out Josh Thomas's follow-up.

Grubb was denied an even better chance to score in the 87th minute when Shaun Preddie fouled Jackson in the box.

Strizovic signed off an impressive season by diving to his right to keep out the penalty.

## Stones lose at Altrincham

WEALDSTONE END THEIR THREE-GAME UNBEATEN RUN



Wealdstone's Rhys Browne

Picture: Jon Taffel

ALTRINCHAM scored three goals in 10 second-half minutes to stretch their unbeaten home run to eight matches and beat Wealdstone 4-2 at home in the National League.

The hosts opened the scoring in the eighth minute through Matty Kosylo, who turned home from close range.

Kosylo had his second straight after the break when his effort was fumbled into the goal by George Wickens.

Altrincham were out of sight by the 52nd minute as Isaac Marriott's ferocious 25-yard strike found the back of the net.

The home side had their fourth just 10 minutes into the second half, this time Josh Hancock latching onto a defensive mistake and slipping in Dan Mooney who finished well.

Wealdstone pulled one back with just under 20 minutes to play when Charlie Cooper dispatched from close range.

They grabbed their second after Toby Mullarkey turned the ball into his own net.

Stones nearly cut the lead down to just one with an Aaron Henry free kick that was hit with both dip and pace and even took a deflection en route to goal, but Altrincham's Tony Thompson reacted well to keep it out as the hosts held on to maintain their win and two point gap.

Wealdstone, meanwhile, slipped to their first defeat in three games, after taking seven points from games against Boreham Wood, Southend and Chesterfield to confirm their National League safety for yet another season.