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## WEALDSTONE beat King's Lynn at the Vale



Wealdstone celebrate Ira Jackson Jr's late goal against King's Lynn Town as they won their last home game of the season

Picture: Jon Taffel

## Tavares hails fans' impact

STONES MAN SAYS FANS WERE 'INCREDIBLE'



Nicola Tavares

Picture: Jon Taffel

NICOLA Tavares has described himself as "pleasantly surprised" by the Wealdstone supporters after they wrapped up their home matches for this season with a win over King's Lynn.

In his first campaign as a senior player, he said the supporters at Grosvenor Vale had been "really impressive" and said they had helped the team get the win at the weekend, as well as some tactical awareness from boss Stuart Maynard.

"We played well, we just needed to recognise that there was space in behind because they were leaving their three at the back with our front three," he told the club YouTube channel. "We were trying to play out a lot in the first half when we probably could have flipped it, and so we got the message from gaffer at half time and we applied that in the second half, and I think you can see how it worked. "Once we changed that and tweaked it, I always felt like we were going to get the goal and that we would get the win."

"We needed to tweak something and the gaffer got it spot on to be fair. A couple of the lads recognised it as well, there was so much space in behind."

"The fans have been great all season so you know that you're going to get that umph and it's going to drive you on and we did that and we got the winner."

"The fans have been great, especially at home. We haven't lost many games at home, especially on those Tuesday night games, the fans were always incredible really and it's my first taste of men's senior football, so it's been really impressive from my point of view and I've been pleasantly surprised by the fans."

# Stones finish home games with victory

WEALDSTONE came from a goal down to run out 2-1 National League winners over relegation-threatened King's Lynn at Grosvenor Vale.

The visitors opened the scoring courtesy of Gold Omotayo's fourth goal in three games when he was first to react to Josh Barrett's free-kick, which struck the underside of the crossbar.

The hosts equalised in the 61st minute when Connor McAvoy slipped through Josh Umerah, who had time and space to coolly finish past Paul Jones in the King's Lynn goal.

Wealdstone's comeback was complete late in the 87th minute when Ira Jackson Jr was on

By Ryan Gray

hand to finish emphatically at the back post following Charlie Cooper's header back across goal.

Victory for Wealdstone was their first in four league games, while already-relegated King's Lynn slipped to their first defeat in four.

It was also Stones' final home game of the campaign and boss Stuart Maynard said he was pleased to sign off positively.

"We said to the lads before the game that we want to finish at home with a win," he told the

club YouTube channel after the match.

"They've delivered to be fair to them."

"At half time we told the lads that even though we want to be possession-based, they were coming out of their shape and it would take just one ball flipped over the top and we would be in, they were leaving it three-for-three at the back, and I think they took the info on really well at half time and we went and got the win."

The win was especially pleasing for Maynard, whose team was heavily hampered by a raft of absentees.

He said the victory showed the

hunger of his side.

"We're not a management team that goes on about it but we had six out today," he continued.

"They're in good form, almost mid-table form, and it just goes to show that we've got a group of lads that are really hungry and they've shown that today, we've gone and beaten King's Lynn with six out and there's a lot of teams within this division that moan that when they've got players out, they can't win games of football and that's why we'll never, as a management team, create that environment where you can have a blame culture because it doesn't matter, it's 11 v 11 when we go out on the pitch."