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FOOTBALL: No panic for Maynard after third loss



Wealdstone's Tarryn Allarakhia in action at Hartlepool. Image: Jon Taffel

Wealdstone's results will change says boss

WEALDSTONE boss Stuart Maynard will not panic despite seeing his side suffer a third successive defeat in the National League.

Stones are set to welcome Ebbsfleet United to Grosvenor Vale on Saturday, after falling to a 2-1 loss at Hartlepool last weekend.

That reverse in the North East came after back-to-back losses against Aldershot and Dagenham & Redbridge over the late August Bank Holiday period.

But Maynard refused to be downbeat, telling the club website: "You've just got to take it game by game, you can't look too far ahead in this league."

"I heard people saying to us when we were going into Aldershot and the Dagenham game, there's potentially six points, but there's no easy games in

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this league.

"Positions at this stage of the season, you can't really judge them. You've got to judge each game as it comes."

A goal in each half from Tom Crawford and Manny Dieservuw had left Stones 2-0 down, but they hit back through substitute Tarryn Allarakhia, who swapped passes with Nathan Ferguson and fired in off a post from 20 yards.

Fellow sub Olufela Olomola had a late effort clawed away by Pete Jameson, while Charlei Barker skimmed the crossbar from 25 yards as Hartlepool hung onto the points.

"We've come to Hartlepool, a team that want to get promoted back to the Football League and I think we've made a real good account of ourselves," added Maynard.

"It's frustrating, because I think we deserved something but I don't think our performance levels are getting what we deserve at the minute.

"But that's football. As long as the performance levels keep being of a high standard, the results will change.

"You've got to do your research properly on each opposition like we do, me and Matty [Saunders], and then we've got to go into every game believing we can get something from it."

Saturday's game against Ebbsfleet has been designated as Wealdstone's #HerGameToo fixture.

The club announced Nicola Brown as their Her Game Too ambassador in April and the fixture marks the tireless work done behind the scenes to champion women at Wealdstone and act as a bridge between the club, its female supporters and the HGT community.

As part of their first official HGT event, the club will offer free admission to all girls aged under-18, not just Wealdstone supporters but Ebbsfleet supporters as well.

Free tickets can be accessed online and Wealdstone are also inviting local girls' football clubs to come to the game with free tickets for all players and a special discount offer for their parents.

Email tickets@wealdstonefc.com for more details.

Borough bow out of FA Cup to Bracknell

HISTORY REPEATS ITSELF AS HARROW LOSE TO SAME OPPONENTS

HISTORY repeated itself as Harrow Town bowed out of the FA Cup after a 2-0 home defeat against Bracknell Town. Borough had been beaten by the same opponent at the same stage last season and saw Tyler Tobin make a good save to deny Joe Grant early on.

The visitors dominated possession, but were frustrated by the numbers of Harrow players behind the ball as Reece Yorke headed a corner out from under the crossbar.

Bracknell took the lead in the 27th minute with Grant unleashing a right footed shot that was still rising as it flew to the right of Tobin from 25 yards.

But going a goal down didn't appear to wake Harrow, until they forced four corners in a row late on and saw Lonit Talla miss the target.

Their best opportunity came on 43 minutes when Excellence Muhemba set Nagheeb Ibrahim away on the right and the ball was worked to Reece Mitchell on the left. But Mitchell's goalbound shot was blocked a couple of yards out and cleared to safety.

Borough huffed and puffed in the second half, but still never got out of first gear although possession was a lot closer to parity.

Bracknell were still looking more confident with the ball with Muhemba and Harlem Hale rightly frustrated, forced to feed off scraps and chase long balls on a hot afternoon.

Borough nearly created an opportunity in the 66th minute as Muhemba won the ball on the right side, close to the halfway line, with Harrow outnumbering the visitors four to two.

However, Muhemba's pass in search of Hale running free behind the left-back was too strong and the chance was gone.

Rony Mfinda came on for his Harrow debut in the 75th minute and Muhemba headed over from a Ross Oulton cross, but there was still a lack of urgency from Jordan Berry's side.

More bodies were pushed forward in search of an equaliser, leaving more space for Bracknell to attack, but Yorke and Prince Kandolo stood firm and repelled anything that came their way.

Five Bracknell players were booked in the last 20 minutes as fouls were made to stop Harrow attacks, but as the game entered stoppage time the ever-industrious George Franklin shook off the attention of two home defenders and placed a left-footed shot past Tobin to seal to tie and put Bracknell into the next round.

Harrow host Sholing in the Southern League on Saturday.