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## FOOTBALL: Wealdstone lose to Harriers



Wealdstone conceded an injury-time goal to suffer defeat at Kidderminster. Image: Jon Taffel

# Maynard disappointed after last-gasp defeat

WEALDSTONE manager Stuart Maynard was left disappointed with his side's performance as they went down to a last-gasp defeat against Kidderminster Harriers on Saturday.

Despite being in control of the game at Aggborough, Stones conceded a 93rd-minute winner to Amari Morgan-Smith, which condemned Maynard's men to their second successive defeat in the National League.

"I thought the first half was probably the worst we've been in possession", Maynard told the club's media team.

"We thought they would come and high press us, but they didn't. They sat off us and we've controlled the

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game with the ball, but very sloppily. "We tweaked a couple of things at half-time tactically and we've come out for the second half on the front foot. We've had the best chance of the game - Tav [Tahvon Campbell] has gone one on one and it should be in the net."

Despite the loss, the Stones boss also gave his thoughts on how far his side could go this season, referencing how competitive the National League has become in recent months.

"If before the game you'd have given me a point away to Kidderminster, take their form away because this is a league this season

where the league table doesn't matter," added Maynard.

"No matter who we play, no matter what form they're in - it doesn't matter in this league!

"Every team is a difficult game and we said it before the season - this is going to be the toughest division that it has ever been."

Maynard then went on to mention the fixture congestion his side have had to face in recent weeks and how it has affected his players.

"We've just gone away to Gateshead on a Tuesday night. We've got in at half four, five o'clock in the morning and then we've got to come to Kidderminster on a Saturday - another three hours on a coach," said Maynard.

"Without even kicking a ball, in both games before you get here, it's a disadvantage to a part-time team. I've never been one to come in front of interviews and make excuses, but we've got to realise as a football club where we're at."

The Stones face a shorter trip across the capital to take on league rivals Bromley in an FA Cup fourth qualifying round tie on Saturday.

The south London club sit fifth in the table after Josh Passley's injury-time goal earned them a 2-2 draw at York City last weekend.

And Maynard's men then play host to local rivals Boreham Wood at Grosvenor Vale the following weekend as they look to put another disappointing result behind them.

## FA Trophy progress for Harrow



Tyler Tobin saves a Margate penalty. Image: Bruce Viveash

HARROW Borough booked their place in the first round of the FA Trophy with a 1-0 win over Margate at Earlsmead on Saturday.

And they were handed another home tie against Beaconsfield on October 28 when the draw was made on Monday.

Borough made it to the fourth round last season, before losing on penalties to eventual winners FC Halifax Town, but the current squad went into their latest tie on the back of successive Southern League defeats, without finding the net. And the visitors could have taken the lead on eight minutes as Sam Blackman fired over when well placed.

Ross Oulton was booked soon after, with Rohdell Gordon heading a great chance wide for Margate as they dominated possession.

And Jaden Sharman was shown a yellow card, before Harrow were left incensed by a decision to award Margate a penalty. Tyler Tobin guessed correctly to push Ben Greenhalgh's weak stop-kick to his right and keep the scoreline blank and Blackman headed another good chance over during stoppage time.

Tobin made close-range saves from Gordon and Steve Cawley soon after the restart, but Harrow then enjoyed their first spell of dominance, with Lonit Talla fouled on the edge of the box and Oulton's free-kick pushed behind by Harry Seaden.

The only goal came on 64 minutes when Nagheeb Ibrahim lifted the ball over a grounded Seaden, but saw Skye Salmon punch it off the goalline.

Salmon was sent off but Talla's penalty was saved by Seaden, before Stefan Powell pounced to convert the rebound. Powell, Tobin, Henry Lukombo and Ronny Mfinda all picked up yellow cards in the closing stages, with new recruit Tyler Robinson missing a good chance to add a second.

And Cawley saw a late effort ruled out for offside as Harrow recorded a first clean sheet of the season.

They host bottom club Swindon Supermarine on Saturday, then visit to next-to-bottom Didcot Town on Tuesday.