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## FOOTBALL: Boss hails FA Trophy triumph



Wealdstone's Tarryn Allarakhia attacks against Hendon. Image: Jon Taffel

# Professional display by Stones says Noble

WEALDSTONE boss David Noble saluted his side's 'professional performance' after they booked their place in the FA Trophy quarter-finals with a 4-0 win at Hendon.

A brace from Tarryn Allarakhia along with goals from Alex Dyer and Aaron Henry secured the Stones' win against their local rivals at Silver Jubilee Park - with the tie switched after earlier postponements at Grosvenor Vale.

Noble claimed his first win as Stones boss and his side will host Solihull Moors on Saturday March 9, for a place in the semi-finals.

Noble told the Wealdstone FC website: "It was a really professional performance.

"We knew it wasn't going to be an

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easy place to come - last 16 of the Trophy and local rivals on top of that as well.

"To score four goals and get a clean sheet was really pleasing.

"The energy and the intensity started from the first whistle and the boys really set the tone for the game.

"First 20 minutes, 2-0 up, started superbly. Fair play to Hendon, they came back into it last 15 minutes of the first half and were looking a threat.

"We know that 2-0 is a dangerous scoreline - it's a bit of a cliché but it's a true one.

"The next goal is vital and for us to

come out with the same intensity in the second half and score another two goals was really, really pleasing."

Wealdstone return to National League action when they travel to Woking on Saturday (3pm), having lost 4-2 at home to Gateshead last weekend.

Noble added: "We've not been on the best run of form and winning breeds winning. "I want to start putting some points on the board."

Southern League Premier South Hendon left themselves with a mountain to climb against higher-league opponents after conceding twice in the opening 20 minutes.

Wealdstone scored twice more after the break to seal victory but despite

the result, Hendon boss Lee Allinson said he was proud of his side.

He told the clubwebsite: "We've had six games in this competition, five wins and one loss that's knocked us out.

"I thought the change of pitch might have helped them, as they're a very, very good footballing side.

"We never laid down and that's all I can ask from the boys.

"We're playing a team two leagues higher than us and we gave it a great shot - it just wasn't to be."

Hendon travel to Dorchester Town on Saturday, while Harrow Borough host Winchester City, after a 3-1 win at Swindon Supermarine.

Reece Yorke, Reece Mitchell and James Gurteen netted.

## Earl: We're determined to get win

ENGLAND SEEKING SIX NATIONS  
REVENGE OVER SCOTLAND



England's Ben Earl is tackled during a Guinness Six Nations

SARACENS' Ben Earl insists England will be determined to get a victory over their Auld enemy Scotland in a bid to keep their 2024 Guinness Six Nations title chase alive at Murrayfield this Saturday, writes Ziad Chaudry.

Scotland will be looking to secure the Calcutta Cup for the fourth time running after being denied a last-minute game-winning try in their tense 20-16 defeat to France at their Edinburgh headquarters a fortnight ago.

They handed former Saracens lock Steve Borthwick a defeat in his first game as England coach 12 months ago, claiming a stunning 29-23 victory at Twickenham.

And Earl, whose try helped his side scrape through to a tense 16-14 victory over Wales at rugby HQ two weeks ago, is fully aware of the task ahead north of the border but says his side will be vying to bring the prestigious silverware back.

"Murrayfield is a really hard place to go," said Earl.

"We'll see what the conditions are, but they've got threats all over the pitch.

"It's almost two different games for us in terms of the last two weeks. We almost felt like we dominated in attack [against Italy] and we dominated in defence [against Wales].

"So we've probably got to match a little bit of what we're doing up, then hopefully that comes through.

"We've never had an easy game against them and obviously the last time we played them [at Twickenham] we lost. We've got some rights and wrongs so we're looking forward to going up there."

Week three games also sees table-topping defending champions Ireland play Wales in Dublin on Saturday, while France host Italy in Lille on Sunday.