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## FOOTBALL: Three successive defeats in league



Wealdstone players had a minutes applause for Nygell Jones at the weekend

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# Stones boss Taylor left frustrated by losing run

WEALDSTONE manager Matt Taylor showed clear frustrations about his side's misfortunes as they went down 1-0 at home to Sutton United on Tuesday.

Charlie Waller's 11th-minute strike was enough to condemn Taylor's side to a third consecutive National League defeat, having lost to Dagenham & Redbridge and Oldham.

"I'm really frustrated as I stand here, as I think it was a game of two halves. We didn't implement what we wanted to in the first half, and they've scored a goal that the player who scored it might not score again," said Taylor.

"Everything that can go against us is going against us at the moment, but what I was really pleased with was the reaction I got from the players after half-time. They were excellent.

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"They went out and changed the momentum, changed the feel, and changed the tempo, and we were the only team that looked like they were going to score. We had eight shots in the second half. We've hit the target four times, so I think it's clear to see where we need to be better.

"We're creating lots of chances, which is great, but we've really got to take them now because I loathe being frustrated. What I want to do is stand here praising the players for their performance levels and the result.

"If we continue believing in the process, I have no question we just will start

picking up results, but we've got to be more ruthless in front of goal. It's the key message from me to the players.

"It's the key message, I'm sure, from the supporters because they're with us. They were almost trying to suck the ball into the goal at the end. We can't quite finish with a goal, but I learnt a lot about the players and from my perspective, that's obviously a positive, but I'm extremely disappointed to be standing here having lost a game of football."

As Stones prepare for two games in 48 hours this weekend, Taylor will need to utilise his squad and feels no difference about the task ahead.

"We also have to take into consideration every game we play will be different. Every opposition we face will pose a different threat, and we'll have areas in

which we feel we can expose," he added.

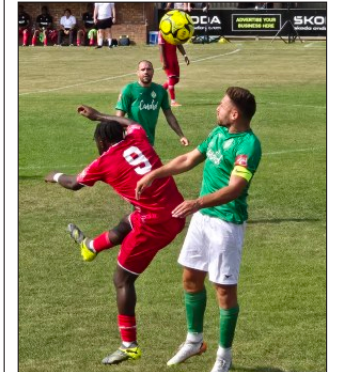
"We are rather depleted at the moment and the players taking to the pitch, and the changes we made today, we tried all that we could to be positive and make another real impact on the game.

"First half we were nowhere near the level I expect with regards to the basics of football. Although in the second half I felt we were a different team with a different mentality, and we've got to take that into Saturday.

"But we've got a lot of football coming up, a game on Saturday and Monday. Is it going to stretch the squad? Yes. We've got to start getting players back out of the treatment room."

Wealdstone head to Hartlepool on Saturday prior to Bank Holiday Monday's visit of AFC Fylde.

## Borough bow out of FA Cup



Harrow Borough in action against Ashford United

AFTER opening league victory against Ashford Town, Harrow Borough hosted Ashford United in the FA Cup.

They made five changes from the team that started a week earlier, two enforced by suspensions after red cards last week. Roraigh Browne came in on loan from Watford to deputise in goal for the suspended Andrew McCorkell. Harrow started the brightest with Leo Sery and Jethro Odumosu causing headaches with their pace and movement.

Two Ashford players received yellow cards inside 16 minutes for crude challenges on Odumosu.

The first shot that troubled Beeney in the visiting goal came in the 24th minute from debutant defender, Bailey Lamb. Ashford's first attempt came just after the half hour, Gary Lockyer heading wide.

Harry McCorkell had a good chance to give the hosts the lead in the 39th minute, but fired straight at the keeper. And Harrow scored several times before the hour, with the most gilt-edged chance seeing Odumosu draw the keeper and unselfishly lay the ball off to Deago Dunbar-Bonnie, 10 yards out with only a defender on the line. Dunbar-Bonnie took a touch to control the ball and then fired directly at the defender's legs.

Harrow took a deserved lead in the 65th minute when Odumosu set up Mack Miskin on the edge of the penalty area and he took the ball a few yards closer before finishing low to Beeney's left. Ashford's Moses was lucky to escape a second booking in the 69th minute after hacking down Odumosu from behind as the referee issued a caution to Craig Stone.

The sucker punch was delivered in the 78th minute when Harrow gave the ball away and it was crossed to the back post, where Lockyer met it with a firm header that gave Browne no chance. Ashford won Tuesday's replay 3-1 after Leo Sery put Harrow ahead from the spot on 14 minutes.