## Stones 'need to take risks'

Wealdstone manager Gordon Bartlett believes his side need to take more risks as the wait for their first win in the Conference South contin-

The newly-promoted Stones have drawn four of their first five games but Bartlett thinks his team need to be more adventurous rather than just making sure they avoid defeat.

Bartlett, whose side have only scored four goals in five games, said: "We have to try and be a bit more positive in our thinking.

"At the moment we are looking to make sure we don't lose matches rather than trying to win

"We have to start taking some more risks. Defensively we have looked pretty solid but we need to start creating more chances. We need to start getting it right in the forward areas."
Wealdstone earned an impressive point from

their goalless draw at Ebbsfleet United on Monday which was a major improvement on their dismal 2-1 defeat at home to Farnborough on

Bartlett, whose side's consolation came from striker Scott McGleish, said: "Our performance on Saturday was very poor and we would not have beaten anyone.

"We were pretty inept, lacklustre and there was no life to us so it was extremely disappointing. But to respond like that on Monday was

The manager added: "We were playing against a side that are the favourites for the title. They have 23 full-time professionals so they're geared up to the Football League.

"The only disappointment is they were down to ten for an hour after Daryl McMahon was sent off so you think what might have

Watford midfielder Luke O'Nien joined the Stones on a season-long loan last week having spent a month at the club back in March.

Bartlett said: "He will bring us drive and energy which we have lacked recently. We know all about him from his time here last season and



Wealdstone could not find their first win at Ebbsfleet United on Monday.
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anyone we bring in now will be able to add something to the squad."

A two-footed challenge by McMahon on

O'Nien resulted in the sending off.
But the visitors had a let off when they conceded a penalty which was superbly saved by Jonathan North from Matt Godden's spot-kick.

The Stones face another difficult trip this weekend when they travel to third-placed Brom-

ley.
Bartlett said: "It is another match against one of the favourites for promotion so it will be a test of how far we've come.

"We have no real expectations on us but it would be nice if we could get our first win.

"It will be another tough battle but we will go in there quietly confident of coming away with

#### Greens sink Boro

Harrow Borough lost their 'away' match against Hendon 2-0 on Monday at Earlsmead. Boro, who are the landlords of Hendon, were well beaten in a one-sided Ryman Premier

Division contest.

Hendon opened the scoring after 34 minutes when Leon Smith broke through, although Boro were convinced he was offside, and fired

his effort past keeper Charlie Horlock.

Dave Anderson's side fell further behind straight after the restart when Oliver Sprague's shot was deflected off a defender into the net. The linesman flagged for offside but the ref-

eree eventually over-ruled him and awarded Hendon a second goal.

Boro produced a much better display on Saturday during their 3-3 draw at home to Witham Town.

Ola William's 20-yard strike fired the hosts into a first-half lead before Boro conceded a penalty which Joshua Mayhew converted.

The visitors took the lead with 15 minutes

remaining when Anthony Page diverted the

ball past his own keeper.

But the Reds quickly made it 2-2 when Steve Butterworth fired home.

Witham restored their advantage through Ryan Charles but an 87th minute header by

Francis Otira salvaged a point.

The Reds travel to East Thurrock United this weekend.

### Title within reach

Bessborough closed in on the Middlesex Championship Division One title after easing to a nine-wicket win over Shree Kutch Leva Patel CC

SKLP were all out for 152 in 49.2 overs after Rohan Karkhanis picked up three for 37 and

Mitesh Vyas returned figures of three for 41. Openers Ramesh Gunalan (68) and Jigar Shah (77 not out) were in superb form as they set the visitors on the way to victory.

It means that a win against Perivale and anything other than ten points for Wycombe House will clinch promotion to the Middlesex County League after a three-year absence.





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