

## Late equaliser denies Stones first home win

Wealdstone's hopes of claiming a first home win in the Conference South this season were scuppered by a late equaliser from Maidenhead United.

The Stones were on course to seal a much-needed league victory after taking the lead but the visitors scored four minutes from time to snatch a 1-1 draw on Saturday.

Striker Connor Calcutt and midfielder Matt Ball made their league debuts for Gordon Bartlett's side and the pair made bright starts as the hosts looked lively early on.

Maidenhead had the best chance of the game though when Danny Green's header was cleared off the line by defender Sean Cronin.

The Stones responded strongly and went close through Luke O'Nien but the Watford youngster was denied by a save from Brett William.

Ball also had an opportunity from a free-kick but his strike was kept out by the impressive William.

Calcutt was causing plenty of problems and the forward went close again from a cross by Shaun Lucien as the first half finished goalless.

Wealdstone carved out another opportunity after the restart but Ball could only volley over the bar.

But the breakthrough eventually came for the home side as they opened the scoring after 72 minutes.

Lucien ran at the Magpies' defence before curling a shot past William.

It was almost 2-0 through Lucien again but he could not find the target as the visitors hung on.



New signing Connor Calcutt attacks during the Stones' frustrating draw on Saturday.

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This proved costly as Maidenhead grabbed an equaliser in the 86th minute. Wealdstone failed to clear the ball and Dave Tarpey pounced to fire past keeper Jonathan North.

There was almost still time for a winner when Calcutt set up McGleish but the vet-

eran striker's shot hit William's face.

The Stones' friendly with Hendon was postponed on Monday due to a waterlogged pitch.

Bartlett's side travel to second-placed Boreham Wood on Saturday before visiting Chelmsford City on Monday.

## Borough see red again during FA Trophy exit

Harrow Borough were dumped out of the FA Trophy after a 2-0 first qualifying round defeat at AFC Hornchurch on Saturday.

The Reds limply exited the competition and for the fifth time in six matches ended the game with ten men after the dismissal of Nick Salapatas.

Dave Anderson's side were under pressure from the start and Martin Tuohy fired in an effort which was saved by keeper Nick Jupp.

Boro's first shot on goal came through Ben Long but he was denied by a decent stop from Sam Mott.

Salapatas then fired in an ambitious free-kick from 35 yards out but the Hornchurch keeper was equal to his strike.

The Reds threatened again through Michael Vickers after the ball fell into his path but he blasted the shot just wide of the target.

But the key moment of the match took place after 33 minutes when Boro were reduced to ten men yet again.

Salapatas swung an elbow at Alex Bentley and the referee had no hesitation in sending him off.

Although this did not cost them a goal in the first half there is no doubt that the dismissal played a major part in the second period which was dominated by AFC Hornchurch.

The hosts should have

struck straight after the restart but Michael Malcolm chipped against the bar before the rebound resulted in Tuohy heading against the woodwork.

Hornchurch kept the pressure on the visitors and were only denied again by Jupp when he kept out a header from Danny Johnson.

It came as no surprise when the home side opened the scoring just after the hour mark.

Joey May fired in an effort which bounced over Jupp and Malcolm helped it over the line for the breakthrough.

New signing Kameron English was brought on but the Reds failed to muster a shot on target during a dismal second half and their fate was sealed two minutes into injury time.

Billy Coyne fired in an unstoppable free-kick to seal Hornchurch's win and end Boro's hopes in this year's competition.

Anderson's side were due to host Tonbridge Angels on Tuesday night but the match was postponed due to a waterlogged pitch.

Boro find themselves bottom of the Ryman Premier Division although they do have games in hands on their rivals.

The Reds will look to claim a much-needed league victory this Saturday when they travel to Kingstonian.

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