

## Stones' Trophy progress after Saints replay win

Wealdstone booked their place in the FA Trophy first round proper and earned £4,000 in prize money after defeating St Albans City 3-0 in their third qualifying round replay on Tuesday night.

The first match between the two sides ended as a 1-1 draw on Saturday after Scott McGleish's 87th-minute equaliser.

After a sluggish start to the replay, the Stones improved and broke the deadlock in the 17th minute. Elliot Godfrey was fouled just outside of the penalty area and Shaun Lucien curled the resultant free-kick over the wall and past Saints goalkeeper Joe Welch.

The goal saw the hosts grow in confidence and they added a second before the half-time interval.

A powerful 70-yard break forward from Joe Turner started a fine Stones attack which ended with Daniel Brown heading home James Hammond's excellent cross.

Wealdstone led by two goals at the break and carved out several chances to add to their lead after the restart.

St Albans were reduced to ten men midway through the half after an ugly challenge from Steve Wales and that allowed the Stones to control proceedings.

Gordon Bartlett's side made sure of the victory with 20 minutes remaining. Substitute Richard Jolly rolled his pass to McGleish and the veteran



A let off for the Wealdstone defence during Tuesday night's replay.

Picture by Robert Walkley

forward blasted his effort into the net from close range to book a first round proper clash with Hayes & Yeading on Saturday, December 13.

Harrow Borough bounced back from Saturday's dismal 5-0 defeat against Enfield Town to overcome Leatherhead 3-2 at Earlsmead on Tuesday in the Ryman Premier Division.

Boro got off to the perfect start and

went in front through Nik Salapatas. He collected Michael Bryan's pass and lashed home from 20 yards.

Leatherhead equalised shortly before the interval but Harrow were back in front when Sekou Kabba side-footed past Louis Wells.

The visitors responded and levelled the contest for a second time but it was Harrow who went on to clinch all three points with a goal 18 minutes

from time.

Michael Peacock sent a hopeful pass into the Leatherhead box which was excellently controlled by Marc Charles-Smith. In one movement, he spun and fired the ball into the roof of the net to seal victory for Dave Anderson's men.

Harrow have the chance to build on Tuesday's win when they entertain Billericay Town on Saturday.

## Smith lands Euro belt

Harrow Weald boxer Mitchell Smith captured the WBO European super-featherweight title and extended his winning record to ten fights after he recorded a points victory over Zoltan Kovacs on Saturday.

The former Bushey Boxing Club fighter, pictured, who celebrated his 22nd birthday last week, was confident of a stoppage victory prior to the fight against Hungarian champion Kovacs, who had only once failed to go the full distance.

The bout was originally set to begin at 7.40pm but the opening bell didn't ring until two hours later.

Smith said that in itself was a learning curve and admitted he burnt energy by pacing around the changing room and walking around corridors before the fight.

When the contest did get underway Smith, who is trained by former WBU champion Jason Rowland, made a fast start to the bout, which was held at the ExCel Arena.

Left-hand shots proved effective early on and Smith looked impressive. He knocked his opponent to the floor in the second round but 22-year-old Kovacs was up before the ten count.

'The Baby Faced Assassin' sustained a hand injury in the third round which meant he was unable to secure the stoppage he was hoping for.

The contest went the full ten-round distance but Smith was a comfortable winner (97-92, 97-92, 100-89) when the judges scores were announced.



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