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WEALDSTONE defeated by lower league Saints



Wealdstone's Michee Efete who came off the bench during the game against St Albans

Picture: Wealdstone FC

Boro win penalty shootout

HARROW MAKE IT TO FA CUP QUALIFYING FIRST ROUND



The FA Cup trophy

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HARROW Borough will face Beaconsfield in the first qualifying round of the FA Cup following a dramatic penalty shootout victory over Langney Wanderers in the preliminary round.

Boro were initially pegged back after taking the lead through George Moore with just 20 minutes remaining.

David Smart's free-kick in the last minute of the game levelled the tie and sent it into a shootout from where Harrow won 3-2, with 17 year-old Southampton loanee goalkeeper Matthew Hall saving three times from the spot.

It was Harrow who started the game the brighter of the two sides, with Neill Di Lucia called into action to deny Liam Ferdinand with a brave dive at the striker's feet early on.

Defender Ian Lagwai had to block Frank Keita's shot after Anthony O'Connor's delivery got the better of Di Lucia.

Despite their dominance, it was well into the second-half before Harrow took the lead.

It came when Moore latched on to Ferdinand's through pass before beating Di Lucia with a fiercely struck effort from 18-yards out. Boro looked destined to go through to the next round of the competition on the strength of Moore's goal but Langney had other ideas.

An 89th minute free-kick was awarded and Smart found a big enough gap in the wall to score the equaliser and force the match into a penalty shootout.

Ferdinand, Keita and Kensley Maloney were all on target from the spot, while Hall denied Dean Stevens, Adam Davidson and Marc Di Lucia to send Boro into the next round.

Stones lose by four goals

By Ryan Gray

WEALDSTONE suffered a heavy 4-0 defeat at the hands of National League South side St Albans City in a pre-season friendly fixture on Tuesday evening.

The Saints had racked up a three goal advantage before half-time with Zane Banton, Munashe Sundire and Shaun Jeffers providing the goals.

Kyran Wiltshire added a fourth in the second-half to give Stones an idea of where they need to improve their squad before the season gets up and running in October.

The hosts stood firm in the face of some threatening Wealdstone possession in the early stages of the match before getting themselves on the front foot.

The had the lead after 25 minutes when Banton beat Harry Isted after getting on the end of Sundire's cross.

Sundire got a goal of his own just two minutes later when he brushed off a couple of challenges on his way into the area before firing past Isted and into the Stones net.

The game was put beyond Wealdstone's

reach in the 41st minute when Jeffers was felled in the penalty area.

Having won the spot kick, Jeffers stepped up to take it and converted to give the home side a three goal advantage at the break.

Five minutes after the restart, the victory was complete, with Wiltshire skipping into the box and lashing the ball into the roof of the net.

A second penalty was awarded just before the hour mark, giving Wealdstone the chance to reduce the deficit, only for Ross Lafayette's strike to be saved by Michael Johnson.

Stones boss Dean Brennan went in search of some consolation, refreshing his side with six substitutions with 25 minutes of the game remaining, but it made no impact on the scoreline and the lower league Saints took the emphatic victory.



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