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Wealdstone are without a win from their opening three matches in the National League

Harrow claim their first point

BOROUGH OFF THE MARK WITH SUPER-MARE DRAW



Harrow Borough open the scoring Picture: Harrow Borough FC

HARROW Borough picked up their first point of the season with a 1-1 draw against Weston-Super-Mare on Saturday.

They had led in the match through George Moore's terrific solo effort, but a Nick McCootie equaliser less than ten minutes later restored parity, with neither side going on to score a winner.

Steve Baker made one change to the Harrow line-up but it was a significant one, dropping Southampton loanee keeper Matthew Hall and bringing in Dan Purdue with the former having made the blunder that had given Chesham their winner on the previous Tuesday night. Purdue was in early action making

Purdue was in early action making a regulation save from Matt Jones's low left-foot shot. But it was Harrow, attacking the school end, who went in front in the 16th minute. Moore collected the ball out on the left before cutting in and across the edge of the Weston box and letting fly with a 20-yarder that Luke Purnell got his left hand to but could not keep out.

More was asked of Purdue soon after when he turned over a drive from Dayle Grubb, while Ben Tricker and Jordan Ireland combined to stop Jacob Jagger-Cane.

However, the visitors eventually found a way through in the 24th minute with a solo goal to match Moore's, as McCootie made a mazy run past three red defenders and cracked a left-footer past Purdue's left hand.

Both sides had opportunities to win it during the remainder of the match, but a point was arguably a fair result, if not a frustrating one. Super-Mare boss Scott Bartlett al-

Super-Mare boss Scott Bartlett allowed his annoyance to get the better of him and was shown a red card as the players were shaking hands.

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Stones lose to Stockport

JOHN Rooney bagged a hat-trick as Stockport twice came from behind to beat Wealdstone 5-2 and move up to second in the National League table on Tuesday evening.

The visitors started brightly and almost scored in the opening minutes when Rooney hit the post, but it was Wealdstone who broke the deadlock in the 16th minute when Jorome Slew headed home his first goal in his full debut since returning to the club two weeks ago.

Stockport equalised from the penalty spot six minutes later, with Rooney converting from 12 yards following a handball in the area. Another of the Stones' squad making

Another of the Stones' squad making a full debut was Alex Dyer, who tried his best put the Stones back in the lead.

His low strike from the edge of the area was first spilled but eventually gathered by Ben Hinchliffe, who was grateful no one was lurking nearby to make the most of the error.

Wealdstone regained the lead three minutes after the break when Ross

By Ryan Gray

Lafayette turned in his first goal of the season from close range, as he got on the end of Jacob Mendy's cross, but Richie Bennett restored parity for Stockport in the 77th minute as he converted from Mark Kitching's delivery.

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Mark Kitching's delivery. Lois Maynard smashed home two minutes later to put County ahead for the first time in the game before Rooney made it 4-2 in the 84th minute and netted again with a fierce left-footed effort to complete his hat-trick two minutes from time and put gloss on the win for Stockport.

The defeat leaves Stones sitting bottom in the National League after three games, with no wins on the board yet and their only point to date coming from their opening day draw away at Yeovil Town.

Their next games are both at home with Wrexham visiting this weekend and the rearranged match with Chesterfield following in midweek.



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