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WEALDSTONE beaten away at Hartlepool



Dennon Lewis in Wealdstone's National League defeat away at second place Hartlepool United

Picture: Jon Taffel

Borough's season is now at risk

HARROW NOT TO PLAY AGAIN UNTIL MARCH AT EARLIEST



Picture: Bruce Viveash

HARROW Borough's season is at risk of being declared null and void as national lockdown restrictions have postponed all fixtures until at least the beginning of March.

The Pitching In Southern Football League has released a statement saying it is seeking the opinions of their member clubs as they seek to put together a plan.

It reads: "The Board of the Pitching In Southern Football League has, together with its fellow Trident Leagues, reviewed the implications of the latest government lockdown.

"The matter was also discussed at length by the FA's Alliance Committee earlier this week.

"In order to reach a decision that will apply across Steps 3 & 4 in the National League System, and which is informed by the views of all clubs at Steps 3 & 4, clubs will shortly be asked by the Football Association to provide views on whether the 2020/21 season should be terminated and, if not, what the alternative should be.

"This will take the form of a short survey.

"Independent of that survey, all three of the Trident League's Boards hold the view that the season should cease immediately and be declared null and void.

"The ultimate decision lies with the FA Council, following a proposal made by the Alliance Committee but no proposal will be drafted until clubs' views have been collated and assessed.

"In the meantime, the Pitching In Southern Football League is postponing all fixtures up to and including Saturday 6th March since there is no suggestion that the national lockdown will be lifted prior to said date."

Stones lose up north

By Ryan Gray

LUKE Armstrong continued his stunning scoring form as Hartlepool beat Wealdstone 3-1 at Victoria Park to secure a fourth successive National League win.

The defeat was Stones' second in a row as they continue their inconsistent form that has seen them pick up two wins, two defeats and a draw from their last five games.

The hosts made a promising start and almost capitalised on a slip at the back but Armstrong's ninth minute effort was pushed wide by Stuart Moore from a tight angle.

The on-loan Salford forward broke the deadlock in the 34th minute, after good work from Mark Shelton, to claim his sixth goal in as many games.

Gavan Holohan missed a glorious chance to add a second when he fired wide before Pools goalkeeper Ben Killip produced superb saves from Moses Emmanuel and Jacob Mendy to deny Wealdstone - playing their first league match since Boxing Day - an equaliser.

They proved vital as the home side dou-

bled their advantage in the 54th minute, Rhys Oates tapping in on the line after Wealdstone keeper Stuart Moore had parried David Ferguson's effort.

Nicky Featherstone added a third following a corner four minutes later with Matthew Lench hitting the bar for the visitors before Mendy found the bottom corner from 25 yards in the 75th minute.

Kundai Benyu and Mendy struck the woodwork in the closing stages for Wealdstone but Pools survived to consolidate second place in the table.

Stones meanwhile have slipped to 14th place in the National League as they continue to drop down the table following their impressive start to the season.

Bottom of the league Dover Athletic present Wealdstone with a good chance to get back to winning ways in their next league match after they face Gloucester in the FA Trophy this weekend.

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