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SOLIHULL prove too much for struggling Stones



Nikola Tavares suffered defeat on his full Wealdstone debut Picture: Jon Taffel

Clubs asked to back EGM

CLUBS SEEK NO CONFIDENCE MOTION FOR LEAGUE BOSS



National League trophy

Picture: PA

NATIONAL League clubs had until yesterday to decide whether or not they would back a no confidence motion against the league's board and chairman Brian Barwick.

The proposal was put forward by Maidstone United, and subsequently seconded by National League South side Dorking Wanderers.

The potential motion comes amid increasing unhappiness surrounding a number of controversial decisions involving the league, including the decision to fine a number of clubs who refused to abide by a National League request to fulfil fixtures until the final outcomes of the 2020-21 season were determined.

Dover Athletic are one of the clubs to have been fined and they have said they will not pay the £40,000 penalty handed to them after having their results expunged from the current campaign, and handed a 12-point deduction for next season.

A number of other sides have stated they were unable to play due to a lack of funding, with both National Leagues North and South declared null and void earlier this year with clubs deciding it was financially impossible to continue playing behind closed doors.

Having started the season with a £10m National Lottery grant, the Department for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport said from January onwards, funding would continue in the form of loans.

All 66 member clubs were asked to respond by 12:00 BST on Wednesday.

A letter sent by Maidstone and Dorking said support from just 10 per cent of clubs was enough to back an emergency general meeting, at which the no confidence vote would be taken.

Stones suffer another loss

By Ryan Gray

WEALDSTONE remain precariously placed in the National League after Solihull put further distance between themselves and the bottom three with an emphatic 3-0 win over the Stones.

The teams began the match only two points apart but goals from Ryan Barnett, Reiss McNally and Joe Sbarra widened the gap to five.

There was a debut for 22-year old defender Nikola Tavares, who has joined Wealdstone on loan from Crystal Palace on a short-term deal until the end of the season.

The South African-born defender has previously represented Croatia at U20 level and been included in Palace's first team squad on several times in the past two seasons in Premier League and EFL Cup fixtures, although has never made it onto the pitch.

Ryan Gondoh also made his full debut out on the right wing.

The attacker had been on dual terms with Whyteleafe and Hampton & Richmond Borough before lower league foot-

ball was curtailed by the coronavirus pandemic.

He joined Stones midway through March bringing with him some solid form, scoring 12 goals in 20 games between both clubs.

It would turn out to be a difficult night for both debutants however, with the hosts opening the scoring midway through the first half.

Barnett lobbed the Wealdstone keeper from long range in the 29th minute after chasing down a clearance before McNally made it two just after half-time with a header from a corner.

The third arrived just before the hour mark, with Sbarra finishing off a good move with a strong shot into the top corner.

Stones now sit just five points above the bottom three, having played a game more than Kings Lynn Town.

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