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STONES too much for National League strugglers



Wealdstone scored five goals in win against National League strugglers Barnet after draw with Bromley

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League chairman to step down

BRIAN BARWICK TO LEAVE AFTER SEASON ENDS



Brian Barwick Picture: PA

Brian Barwick will step down as National League chairman at the end of the season.

The 66-year-old, a former chief executive of the Football Association, informed the board of his decision in February after six years in the job.

The last 12 months have been by far the most testing as the coronavirus pandemic has caused chaos in the National League, National League North and National League South.

The North and South divisions voted to end their seasons early amid a funding row with the Government, who had already provided a £10million bailout package, while all bar Dover in the National League carried on, but did so having to take out a long-term loan.

Barwick has helped grow the profile of the three divisions, overseeing record sponsorship deals, but will now step aside.

He said on the National League's official website: "After careful consideration I formally told the National League board in February that I intended to step down at the end of the 2020/21 season.

"I think it is the right time to relinquish the role – and give somebody else the great privilege of leading the organisation.

"Since 2015, I believe the competition has continued to grow in stature and profile, sent strong clubs up into the EFL.

"Our 66 clubs remain the life-blood of our competition and a vital part of their local communities – and that's what makes our league so special.

"I wish my successor as chair and everybody connected with the National League my very best wishes for a brilliant future."

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Wealdstone batter Bees

DENNON Lewis scored twice as Wealdstone maintained the six-point gap they have over the sides in the National League relegation zone with a 5-1 victory over struggling Barnet.

Jerome Okimo headed home from a corner in the fifth minute and while Lewis doubled Wealdstone's lead on the half hour with his deflected effort, Courtney Baker-Richardson halved the deficit with a tap-in just after the interval.

Baker-Richardson was given his marching orders just before the hour for an off-the-ball incident with Jack Cawley and Craig Fasanmade restored Wealdstone's two-goal lead after 70 minutes, moments after coming off the bench.

Jacob Mendy struck from the penalty spot in the 72nd minute, having been fouled by Lee Vaughan, while Lewis added gloss to the scoreline just inside the final quarter of an hour.

Barnet, who finished the game with nine men as Anthony Wordsworth went off injured late on after they had already used all their substitutes, remain 17

By Ryan Gray

points from safety.

The win showed improvement for the Stones who ended a four-game losing streak on Friday when they let slip a two-goal lead at Bromley, who rallied to claim a 2-2 draw.

Ryan Gondoh escaped a couple of defenders before curling home from just outside the area after five minutes while Wealdstone were cruising courtesy of Connor Smith's looping header off the far post in the 18th minute.

Byron Webster halved the deficit seven minutes later when he rose highest to head into the net from Liam Vincent's corner and, with the game heading into the last quarter of an hour, Michael Cheek slotted beyond Harry Isted.

The visitors finished with 10 men when Ashley Charles was given his marching orders after a second yellow card taking them six points clear of the bottom three.

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