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WEALDSTONE take three points at Boundary Park



Victory - Wealdstone boss Stuart Maynard celebrates a famous victory at Boundary Park. Picture: Jon Taffel

‘Scintillating’ Stones seal famous Oldham win

MATT Saunders hailed some “unbelievable” football as Wealdstone claimed a memorable 2-1 victory at Oldham Athletic on Tuesday night.

Goals from Rhys Browne and Tarryn Allarakhia had the Stones firmly in the ascendancy in the opening 17 minutes in front of a crowd of more than 6,500 at Boundary Park.

Although a Sam Howes own goal got the former Premier League side back into the contest early in the second half, some resolute defending saw the hosts secure the three points.

“The first-half performance was the best we’ve been involved in as a management team by a country mile. We were unbelievable,” the

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assistant manager told the club website.

“To get over the line in our first big game against an ex-league club and play the way we played, some of the football, it was scintillating stuff. To win and play the way we have was unbelievable.”

Saunders was delighted with the way his players responded after Oldham had got back into the game.

“We’ve got some real young footballers and young men,” he said. “To do what they did second half, I was so proud of them after the

first goal. It is intimidating and for them to come through that is a credit to them.

“We should be sitting on seven points. We kind of got robbed on Saturday at Eastleigh [Stones were beaten 1-0]. It’s a good start but you don’t look at the league table until after ten or 15 games.”

The hosts sought to make the early running but the Stones were soon into their stride and went in front on ten minutes when Sam Habergham’s delivery saw Jack Cook headed across goal to give Browne a straightforward tap in.

The lead was doubled seven minutes later when a great passage of play ended with Max Kretschmar picking out Allarakhia with a

superb cross to finish at the near post.

The visitors sought to turn the screw, with a Cook header cleared off the line before an Allarakhia effort was deflected narrowly wide of the far post.

Oldham got back into the game after the restart though, when a Ben Tollitt strike crashed off the bar and rebounded into the net off the unfortunate Howes.

However, the keeper pulled off a great save to deny Jack Stobbs midway through the half, before some fine defending from Deji Elerewe kept Latics replacement Luke Burgess at bay to enable visitors to celebrate a famous victory at the former Premier League club.

Borough well beaten by Bracknell

DEFEAT FOLLOWS DRAW AT HOME TO WINCHESTER



Action from Monday’s defeat. Picture: Harrow Borough FC

HARROW Borough’s hopes of picking up their first win of the season were dashed as they slumped to a 4-1 defeat at newly-promoted Bracknell Town on Monday.

With manager Steve Baker absent through illness, Darron Wilkinson’s problems began before kick-off when an injury to Shaun Preddie, sustained in Saturday’s 1-1 draw against Winchester City, flared up again. This meant Rock Moses was promoted from the bench to partner James Taylor in defence.

The reshuffled backline was exposed as early as the second minute when Ashley Lodge’s diagonal ball sent Gary Abisogun through and he fired a low drive across Jacob Knightbridge to make it 1-0.

Bracknell had further opportunities to make it 2-0, only to be pegged back by Harrow’s first attack in the seventh minute when Montel Brown collected a pass and turned his man to lash a shot into the top corner. Borough were in the game but were undone again in the 35th minute when what appeared to be a good challenge was penalised, and Dan Bayliss capitalised on some poor defending from the set piece.

James Ewington and George Moore both had chances to level affairs before the break, only for the visitors to find themselves 3-1 down in the 53rd minute when former Harrow man Adam Richards was allowed a free run from a corner and he thumped a header past Knightbridge.

The Harrow keeper was beaten for a fourth time in the 86th minute when Seb Bowerman fired home a penalty after Kevin Songolo had paid the price for a mistimed challenge in the area.