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WEALDSTONE secure point following early red card



All in it together - Stuart Maynard addresses his players and staff at the end of Monday's draw

Picture: Jon Taffel

Boss hails team spirit after Stones dig deep

By Anthony Matthews

STUART Maynard hailed Wealdstone's "unique" togetherness as they held Yeovil Town to a goalless draw on bank holiday Monday after playing with ten men for 80 minutes.

The Stones had dug deep to win 1-0 at Gateshead on Saturday when Deji Elerewe was sent off in the second half after Rhys Browne had scored the only goal of the game on the stroke of half-time, but two days later Maynard's men were forced to show even greater resolve when Lewis Kinsella was shown a red card after only ten minutes following an altercation with Malachi Linton.

The Yeovil man could have won it, but he fired a second-half penalty over the bar, as the hosts saw their energy-sapping efforts rewarded

with a point and a third successive clean sheet.

"We've got a great team spirit and it's come really quickly," the Stones boss told the club website. "Normally it takes a bit of time to build team spirit but we've got a togetherness within the group which is unique this season and I think that's why we're in the league position that we're in."

"We played a game and a half with men which is a skill. We felt comfortable...and I thought we looked dangerous on the break so yes, lots of positives."

"I'd settle for four points over a bank holiday weekend, especially travelling to Gateshead and then having to come back, get in recovery times and then play again so soon. The lads have done unbelievable."

Maynard had no complaints with the referee's decision to send Kinsella off, commenting: "I thought the ref got the big decisions right. I thought the sending off was correct. It's silly from Lewis, but the lads have dug him out of a hole."

The home side had a chance to take the lead when a quick break found Browne in the centre of the area, but he was denied by a last-ditch challenge.

Yeovil began to make their one-man advantage count as the half

wore on, with keeper Sam Howes making a good save at the end of the opening period, while a superb goalline clearance from Malachi Napa kept the scores level after the restart.

But Yeovil spurned a golden chance to take the lead after 61 minutes when Howes fouled Alex Fisher in the area, but Linton blazed over from 12 yards to let the keeper off the hook.

It wasn't one-way traffic though, with Browne seeing an attempt blocked while Nathan Ferguson fired the rebound narrowly wide.

The draw leaves Wealdstone fourth in the National League table ahead of Sunday's lunchtime clash with Woking.

More injury woe for Borough

HARROW SUFFER BANK HOLIDAY DEFEAT TO HAYES



Injury - James Taylor

Picture: Bruce Viveash/Harrow Borough FC

IT'S now four successive defeats for winless Harrow Borough as their tough start to the season continued with a 2-1 defeat at home to Hayes & Yeading United on Monday.

Following Saturday's 7-0 drubbing at Weston-super-Mare, in which the visitors had to play the majority of the game with ten men after Shaun Preddie was incorrectly sent off when conceding a penalty – the referee having already made a bad mistake in awarding the hosts a fifth-minute spot-kick from which they took the lead – there were aspects to Monday's display to provide optimism. Harrow took the lead in the 14th minute when Joseph Lawal got past two defenders before squaring for James Ewington to score his first of the season.

However, injuries have been a major factor for Borough and they suffered another blow when James Taylor, who had missed Saturday's game with concussion, limped off after 21 minutes. With no central defensive cover on the bench, Ahmet Biler came on and Jaden Sharman moved infield. But this left the hosts short of height at the back and Hayes immediately capitalised as Paul Hodges headed home the equaliser. Both sides had opportunities before Borough's injury curse struck again when Sam Alderson came off far worse in an accidental clash of heads, forcing him to go to hospital with his arm in a sling and a bad cut to the side of his face.

Harrow were fortunate to still be level at the break after Moses Emmanuel headed against the post when it seemed easier to score, but early in the second half the Hayes player did score from a penalty following a clumsy challenge by Kevin Songolo.

The home side might have had a penalty of their own when Ewington was pulled back, but the officials did not view the incident as a foul.