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## MAYNARD hails 'outstanding' midfielder Ferguson



Tarryn Allarakhia is fouled and Stones are awarded a penalty from which they took the lead. Image: Jon Taffel

# Disappointment at draw shows Stones' progress

WEALDSTONE boss Stuart Maynard feels it's a measure of the progress his side have made that they were disappointed after being held to a 1-1 draw by Woking at Grosvenor Vale on Sunday.

The Stones would have been hopeful of securing their fifth victory of the National League season after taking the lead through Max Kretzschmar's tenth-minute penalty and with their impressive defensive record.

However, the Cards levelled through a fine strike from Jermaine Anderson before the game somewhat petered out.

"It's a good point," Maynard told the club website. "I don't think either team deserved the three

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points, even though we hit the bar late on [through Tarryn Allarakhia]. They are a good solid team and they make it tough, they make it ugly, they make the game scrappy. We tried to play but it was a difficult afternoon to play.

"We've just got to take the point, respect the point and move on. We've come a long way as a football club that we come away from a game with Woking and are disappointed with a point. We are in the top ten and we must keep the standards high. I know the fans will go away and be frustrated

with a point but we can't raise the expectations too high. It's a point gained."

The home side had taken the lead as a result of some impressive interplay between Kretzschmar and Allarakhia which carved open the Woking defence, leading to a penalty being conceded.

Maynard remarked: "It's lovely to watch – and I'm sure it's great to watch for the fans and those on TV. It's some move for the goal. Tarryn receives on the half turn in his own half and then before you know it, three or passes later, he has won a penalty. It's great to watch and we will keep sticking to our beliefs."

The Stones manager was also

full of praise for Nathan Ferguson, who again proved to be a driving force in the midfield engine room.

"Ferg is outstanding every week," said Maynard. "He kind of goes under the radar. You always want more from him as he has got more in his locker. He's a big 6ft 4in, powerful midfielder and he showed his power today and his quality. We would like him to chip in with more goals as he has a hammer foot but he's a team player and he gives everything for the club. He's a top player."

The draw leaves Stones sixth in the trip ahead of back-to-back away games at Altrincham on Saturday and Maidenhead United next Tuesday.

## Borough fall to Bracknell cup defeat



James Ewington scored Harrow's consolation. Picture: Bruce Viveash/Harrow Borough FC

A CHANGE of competition brought no improvement in fortunes for Harrow Borough as they were beaten 4-1 at Bracknell Town in the first qualifying round of the FA Cup on Saturday.

The outcome was a duplicate of the league meeting between the two sides in mid-August and, like that night, Harrow paid the price for defensive mistakes as they slumped to a fifth consecutive defeat.

However, there were again signs that better times may lie ahead for Borough once their long injury list eases.

Like last month's league encounter, Harrow again fell behind early – this time in the fifth minute – when a slip by Jaden Sharman allowed Gary Abisogun to break clear. Although his shot was blocked, Ben Cook was on hand to beat Jacob Knightbridge. Unlike their last meeting though, Harrow proceeded to dominate the remainder of the first half as George Moore, Imran Uche and James Ewington all had opportunities to level the tie.

But Borough were caught by a sucker punch in first-half injury-time when Adam Richards tapped home a low Darryl Sanders cross at the far post. It got even worse for the visitors four minutes after the restart when Isiah Noel-Williams gave the ball away, leading to a goalmouth scramble which saw Knightbridge bring down Sanders as he was about to score. The goalkeeper was sent off and Michael Bryan was substituted to allow Charlie Taylor to come on between the posts, but he was unable to keep out Charlie Lodge's penalty.

Bracknell made it four in the 56th minute, and in the 62nd minute Ewington converted a Moore cross at the far post.