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## WEEKEND win is followed by mid-week defeat



Olufela Olomola turns away in celebration after equalising for Wealdstone on Tuesday night. Image: Jon Taffel

# Stones suffer setback with Solihull defeat

WEALDSTONE suffered their third National League defeat of the season on Tuesday night as they were beaten 2-1 at promotion-chasing Solihull Moors.

Stuart Maynard's side went into the game boosted by a superb victory over Aldershot Town 2-1 on Saturday, but after midfielder Joe Sbarra had seen his effort superbly blocked on the goal-line, Andrew Dallas broke the deadlock in the 27th minute, slamming home his seventh league goal of the season after being teed up by Ryan Barnett.

Wealdstone equalised in the 70th minute when Olufela Olomola turned home from close range at

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the third attempt. His initial effort hit the crossbar and his follow-up was blocked before he converted a second rebound.

Dallas was inches away from a second goal for Solihull soon after but the home side sealed all three points in the 77th minute when Sbarra converted Barnett's cross at the far post.

Stones will now look to return to winning ways in a league and cup double header against Boreham Wood, with the Hertfordshire side visit Grosvenor Vale on Saturday before Stones make the return

trip on Saturday, October 15, after the teams were drawn against each other in the fourth qualifying round of the FA Cup.

Stones boss Maynard was thrilled with his side's performance on Saturday as Rhys Browne scored twice in ten second-half minutes to take the points.

"I thought we started very slow and it's the last thing that we said in the dressing room was to make sure that we started fast, but we started slow. But from the minute that they scored their goal we controlled the game and it's

probably one of the best all-round performances I've ever seen in the National League – and that's re-searching all the other clubs.

"A huge credit to all the lads to come in at half time 1-0 down in the National League, which is tough, and still go out there and play with that belief.

"It was unbelievable, some of the greatest football I have seen in this level and it's a huge credit to the lads they've stuck to the beliefs. We tweaked our shape a little bit today and the lads took it on board in a week and they executed it unbelievable.

"It was a very very dominant performance and it could have been five or six goals."

## Borough disappoint in cup loss



Keeper Jacob Knightbridge suffered concussion after colliding with the post. Image: Bruce Viveash/Harrow Borough

WHILE an early exit from the London Senior Cup is unlikely to disappoint Harrow Borough fans for too long, the manner of Tuesday night's 2-0 home defeat to a Cockfosters side two levels lower was certainly concerning.

Borough's performances have been improving of late but all the good work was undone against the Spartan South Midlands League side who were much better organised and better up front.

The side selected by Steve Baker should have been strong enough to get a result and the early signs were promising enough, with a Michael Bryan free-kick forcing the keeper into a save and Kamon-Sherell Assidjo seeing a shot blocked from the resulting corner. But it was the visitors who made the breakthrough in the 11th minute when the home side's offside trap went badly wrong and Corey Ugbomah went round keeper Jacob Knightbridge. Ahmet Biler got back to seemingly make a good interception, only for the ball to go into his own net.

It took a wonderful save from Mann to prevent Harrow equalising when a Biler shot took a huge deflection, but Cockfosters doubled their lead in the 23rd minute when a long ball over the top caused confusion and Stevenson capitalised, lobbing the ball over Knightbridge. The young goalkeeper tried to keep it out, but collided head first with the goalpost, eventually forcing him to leave the field to go to hospital with concussion.

Harrow had no substitute keeper on the bench, but after some discussion the referee sympathetically allowed Rock Moses to take over between the posts.

The closest Harrow came to an equaliser was after the break when substitute James Ewington saw his shot blocked, but squared to give Montel Brown a tap-in, only for his teammate to miss the ball completely.