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WEALDSTONE denied 'stonewall penalty' in loss



Consolation - Simeon Akinola scored on his debut to head Wealdstone back into the game. Pic: Jon Taffel

'We won't change when we're playing this well'

By ANTHONY MATTHEWS

A FRUSTRATED Matty Saunders believes Wealdstone are being wronged after they were denied a "stonewall penalty" during Saturday's 2-1 defeat to Boreham Wood.

Having trailed 2-0 to goals from Josh Rees and Tyrone Marsh after his spot-kick had been saved, Stones rallied to get back into the game with ten minutes remaining as new signing Simeon Akinola headed home after coming off the bench to make his debut.

However, the hosts were adamant they should have been awarded a penalty five minutes later when Olufela Olomola rolled his man on the edge of the box, only to be wrestled over inside the 18-yard box.

"It's a stonewall penalty," Stones

assistant boss Maynard told the club website. "I've never seen a more certain penalty. Fela's rolled him in the box, he's dragged him, he's pulled him to the ground and what's so frustrating is for 12 games – and I've got to choose my words carefully – but the worrying thing is the threshold for us to get a decision is higher than it is for someone else. And that morally is completely wrong. They're match-defining decisions.

"Their penalty is a penalty but give us a penalty when we deserve a penalty. We're not asking to be favoured, we're not asking for bias, we are just

asking to get what we deserve and at the moment our players are being wronged and morally it's completely unacceptable."

Wood went close when a header from Femi Ilesanmi forced Sam Howes to make a good save and Rees had a chance before the break that went wide.

They broke the deadlock in the 52nd minute when Danny Newton squared the ball to Rees, who smashed into an empty net.

Wealdstone conceded a penalty and Howes saved Tyrone Marsh's spot-kick, but the forward was able to tuck away the rebound to double the visitors' lead on the hour mark.

The Stones had a chance minutes later when Olomola had an effort that

fired off the crossbar and Simeon Akinola headed home on debut to score what proved to be a consolation.

"The reality is we should go and win the game," Saunders said. "People will think I'm probably talking rubbish but when you look at the chances we created, the areas we got into, I think we counted in the office seven or eight unbelievable chances.

"We're huge believers that the process is more important in a way because the results will take care of themselves and it's easy to become outcome-based and results-based and say we need to change. We'll change if we need to change but we will not change when we're playing as well as we are because you end up ruining what you have."

Harrow continue fine form

THIRD LEAGUE WIN OUT OF 4
AS TEAM PICK UP FORM



Kai Omoko Brosnan. Image: Bruce Viveash/Harrow Borough

A FINE first-half attacking display and good defending after the break saw Harrow Borough beat third-placed Chesham United 2-1 on Tuesday night to secure their third win in four league games.

The hosts first threatened when Kamon Sherell Assidjo saw a left-foot shot deflected wide before seeing a shot blocked after winning a tackle. Billy Leonard also saw a shot blocked, but Borough made the breakthrough after 25 minutes when Assidjo sent Kai Omoko Brosnan racing through the middle to slot past Sam Beasant. Chesham sought to respond but their hosts remained positive, with a Brosnan cross just lacking a finishing touch, before Imran Uche broke forward from halfway, latching back onto the ball as he entered the box before shooting wide.

Harrow keeper Charlie Taylor pulled off a superb save to keep out a header and soon after his clearance was to find Brosnan on the left flank. He did well to control, get past an opponent and dribble into the box before hitting a drive which Beasant ought to have stopped, only to let it through his body to make it 2-0.

However, it was Taylor's turn to be at fault in the 61st minute when he failed to get his hands or body behind Jordan Gibbons' speculative effort as the Generals halved the deficit.

Assidjo missed a good chance to make it 3-1 soon after, while Taylor overcame his mistake to save well from Bradley Clayton and Frankie Sutherland as the visitors sought an equaliser. Harrow would have made the points safe had Montel Brown been more alert when Beasant spilled a Leonard shot, but their defence continued to hold firm as Taylor saved well from a Jack Connors free-kick and the follow up.