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## MAYNARD'S men suffer exit at first hurdle



Fela Olomola nets Wealdstone's third goal. Pic Jon Taffel

# Stones out of FA Cup after thriller at Wood

WEALDSTONE bowed out of the FA Cup following a thrilling 5-3 defeat to Boreham Wood at Meadow Park.

Wood took the lead through a pinpoint effort on 25 minutes from George Broadbent who struck the bottom corner from the edge of the box.

And five minutes later they doubled their advantage as Zak Brunt dispatched a penalty into the top-left corner.

But the second half saw an incredible fightback from the Stones after Cameron Coxie had put the hosts 3-0 up.

Olufela Olomola and Danny Denton traded goals, before Simeon Akinola made it 4-2 and then Olomola got his second of the day to put Wealdstone within touching distance of a remarkable leveller.

But Danny Elliott killed the game

By Will Bewsey

with a fifth for the hosts.

The Stones started slow and were almost caught out early on when Tyrone Marsh went down under the challenge of Jack Cook inside the box, but the home side were denied the penalty on this occasion.

Yet Stuart Maynard's side were punished for their slow start on 25 minutes when Broadbent picked up the ball on the edge of the box, shifted it onto his left foot and fired past Sam Howes into the bottom right corner.

As they did the week before, Wood doubled their advantage after being awarded a penalty for a foul by Cook on Brunt, who stepped up to send the spot-kick precisely into the top-left corner.

Having gone into the break 2-0 down, Maynard's side looked to change their fortunes and almost pulled one goal back after Dom Hutchinson's left-footed effort went just wide of Nathan Ashmore's goal.

In the 67th minute, Luke Garrard's side scored their third goal of the tie when a superb cross from Dennon Lewis was headed into the net by Coxie, their midweek loan signing from Colchester.

Two minutes later, Olomola headed in a near-post effort from a corner to pull a goal back for the Stones and give his side a glimmer of hope, but 10 minutes later Denton was played through on goal and smashed the ball into the roof of the net to put the home side 4-1 up.

Wealdstone refused to give up and substitute Akionola scored his second

goal in two appearances when he tapped in Jaydn Mundle-Smith's low ball into the box with 10 minutes left. And Stones set up a thrilling finale when Olomola tapped in Giovanni McGregor's square ball into the box to make it 4-3.

The visitors gave everything to find a leveller, but left themselves open on the break and substitute Elliott scored a fifth for the home side with virtually the last kick of the game to make it two wins in a week over Stones.

After another disappointing early exit in the competition, they visit National League rivals Dorking next.

Wealdstone: Howes; Cook (c) (Barrett 84), Elerewe (Sesay 60), Habbergham; Mundle-Smith, Charles, Dyer; Allarakhia, Hutchinson (Akinola 64), McGregor Olomola.

## Harrow Borough beaten by strugglers

HARROW'S recent resurgence stalled on a mild, still afternoon at The Rogers Family Stadium, as Plymouth Parkway claimed a 1-0 win.

The visitors scored early and hung on pretty comfortably to climb off the foot of the Southern League table, as Harrow huffed and puffed but failed to seriously trouble their rearguard.

Steve Baker named the same side that started the fine win against Chesham on Tuesday and Borough began brightly with Kamon-Sherell Assidjo setting up George Moore to hit a fierce shot turned away by Parkway keeper Adam Parkes. A sharp Billy Leonard drive was then blocked, before the visitors who scored what proved to be the game's only goal, in the ninth minute.

A long ball through the middle had the home defence into disarray as Charlie Taylor came out for the ball, but before he could claim it, it was half-cleared to the left, and an unmarked Ryan Lane curled it into a vacant goal from about 25 yards.

Borough tried to hit back immediately, with Billy Leonard's corner pulled back for Moore to hit a piledriver that Parkes touched over the bar.

But Parkway might have doubled their lead when Jared Lewington had a diving header deflect wide from a dangerous corner.

Ahmet Biler hit a 20-yarder wide from Assidjo's set-up, before Harrison King shot over for the visitors, who threatened again when Taylor saved from Ben Seymour. Moore shot across goal, but then got in the way of an Assidjo shot. Parkes saved from Moore after the restart and Isiah Noel-Williams hit the post with a shot from a very tight angle after Kai Omoko Brosnan's shot was blocked.

Kai Omoko Brosnan turned sharply past a defender and saw his effort pushed away by Parkes, while Moore curled an effort onto the bar from a corner.

Substitute James Ewington then stumbled when a Moore pass gave him a half-chance as Harrow continued to misfire and the visitors threatened a second in the game's latter stages. Jack Crago turned Imran Uche but was denied by Taylor, who came to the rescue again when Samuel Adenola was dispossessed and Crago got in on goal again.

Lene Burden cleared off the line from an angled Crago shot, while Leonard's late effort for Harrow blocked.

With that golden chance to climb further away from the bottom thrown away, Harrow now face three consecutive away games, beginning with a midweek trip to Swindon Supermarine, followed by a visit to Merthyr Town on Saturday and Gosport Borough next Wednesday.