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OLOMOLA strikes to end six-game streak



Olufela Olomola (above) and Dominic Hutchinsno (right) in action for Wealdstone. Pic Gavin Ellis/TGS Photo

Wealdstone earn vital victory at Altrincham

WEALDSTONE ended a run of six successive defeats in all competitions with a battling 1-0 win at National League rivals Altrincham on Tuesday.

Boss Stuart Maynard made three changes to the side beaten 4-1 at Dagenham & Redbridge on Saturday, with Alex Dyer, Lewis Kinsella and Deji Elerewe all returning to the side.

And they had an early let-off as good work from Jordan Hulme saw the ball fall for Josh Lundstram, who fired over.

Stones rallied and Elerewe saw a strong header from Giovanni McGregor's corner deflected just over on 17 minutes, before Charlie Barker's cross deflected off Eddy

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Jones and looped over Ollie Byrne onto the crossbar.

Tarryn Allarakhia was crowded out by the Alty defence as he looked to pounce on the rebound, shooting side, and Byrne then pushed Micah Obiero's effort away on 37 minutes.

Allarakhia curled another attempt over, after McGregor's shot was blocked, but Stones almost made the breakthrough just before half-time when McGregor produced a great cross for Olufela Olomola that James Jones almost poked into his own net.

The deadlock was broken a min-

ute into the second half, though, as McGregor repeated the trick and Olomola beat his man to tap into the net and give Stones a deserved lead.

The home side went close to levelling 10 minutes later when Ryan Colclough cut in from the left and sent a low shot off the outside of the far post.

Sam Howes produced a great save on 78 minutes to deny Alty substitute Dan Malone and more heroics late on saw him thwart Ben Pringle twice in a crowded box.

The visitors held on throughout seven minutes of additional time to secure three much-needed points to move up to 13th, just one point behind Dagenham, who took the lead after just six minutes on Saturday

when Harry Phipps headed home at Victoria Road.

Junior Morias doubled the home side's lead with a brilliant free-kick midway through the first half and Josh Walker added a third after the restart.

Morias struck again from the penalty spot late on, before Sam Habergham grabbed a consolation for Stones in stoppage time.

But having kept their first clean sheet since late August in midweek, Maynard's men now face a blank weekend before they return to Grosvenor Vale to entertain Chesterfield on Tuesday (7.45pm).

High-flying Wrexham are the visitors on Saturday week (November 12).

Harrow seal FA Trophy progress in derby win

A goal in each half saw Harrow beat Hayes & Yeading to make FA Trophy progress in their West Middlesex derby at The Rogers Family Stadium.

It is only the third time this century that they have navigated through two rounds of the competition.

Steve Baker was able to name an unchanged side after bringing home three Southern League points from Gosport on Wednesday and Harrow went ahead in the ninth minute.

Ahmet Biler picked up a Hayes clearance and found Jaden Sharman, who worked the ball on to Isiah Noel-Williams. He spotted George Moore just outside the box to hammer a right-footed shot past Rhys Byrne in the visiting goal.

Kai Omoko Brosnan spurned an opportunity to double the lead, when Moore's forward pass sent him in on goal, but he side-footed narrowly over.

And Jacob Knightbridge kept out Adam Liddle's flick following a surging right-wing run by Paul Field, before a first half dominated by Borough ended with Byrne tipping over Moore's 35-yard free-kick.

Hayes started the second half strongly but the Borough defence held firm and Harrow went close to a second when Moore's shot was half-blocked by Byrne, who recovered to stop the ball on the line.

The second goal came in the 65th minute when Montel Brown met Moore's deep right-wing cross with a low shot back across the keeper.

Moore shot wide for Harrow, with Hassan Jalloh doing the same for Hayes, and Charlie Wassmer hit the far post when he arrived unmarked onto a left-wing cross.

Knightbridge made a good save from Jaden Thompson-Brissett, and Samuel Adenola, moved back to centre-back after Shaun Freddie limped off, blocked a shot from Bruno Tavares as Harrow put their name in the hat for Monday's draw.

They were subsequently handed a tie at Concord Rangers on November 19 and, with a huge injury list, Baker will welcome a blank midweek prior to a very important league trip to Yate on Saturday.