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## FOOTBALL: Derby date for Maynard's men



Wealdstone's Jack Cook heads over at Scunthorpe. Image: Mike Renny

# Wealdstone need fight and aggression - Barker

WEALDSTONE'S Charlie Barker says they need to show fight and aggression in their National League derby against Barnet this weekend.

Stuart Maynard's Stones welcome Dean Brennan's Bees to Grosvenor Vale on Saturday, on the back of a 4-1 defeat at lowly Scunthorpe last weekend.

And Barker believes their quality will come through if they do the basics well against their north London neighbours.

"Our quality will come through as long as we show the fight, aggression, we run," he told the club website.

"When we do all the basics we're tough to beat because we've got that side of the game and as soon as land on the ball we've got the quality as well.

"So if we come with the fight and the

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aggression, we'll get something from the game.

"The fans will be massive, 12th man, especially at home, big crowd expected. Just need to stick behind us and we'll come back out fighting."

Maynard made changes after their 4-0 midweek home loss to Chesterfield, with Nathan Ferguson, Tarrelle Whitaker and Olufela Olomola starting, Max Kretzschmar back from injury and Joel Taylor given a debut after joining from Notts County.

And they went close on six minutes when Taylor's cross was almost put into his own net by Ben Richards-Everton.

Cameron Wilson's deflected shot then beat Sam Howes on 11 minutes and, after Olomola lobbed a good chance wide, Will Sith made it 2-0 from a corner just before the break.

"When you go in 2-0 down at half-time, conceding from set-pieces before half-time, it kills you a little bit," added Barker.

"If we could go in at 1-0 it's a completely different game."

Wilson added a third soon after the restart, but Ferguson hit back with 15 minutes left with a sweet 25-yard strike.

Wealdstone's joy was shortlived, though, as Jake Leake ran from his own half to slot home a fourth for the hosts.

"I thought in the second half we were much the better team and after

we've nicked one to go 3-1, the pressure was all on them," said Barker.

"Conceding the fourth one just ended the game really.

"It definitely wasn't a 4-1 game, we didn't deserve to lose 4-1.

"The timings of their goals just took it away from us. Just before half-time is a tough time to concede and then just after half-time and then just as you score.

"Every time we were about to get a foothold back in the game, it got taken away from us again."

Stones are set to welcome Oldham Athletic to Grosvenor Vale on Tuesday, having claimed a memorable 2-1 win at Boundary Park back in mid-August thanks to goals from Rhys Browne and Tarryn Allarakhia.

## Harrow's hopes hit by losses

RELEGATION-THREATENED BOROUGH FACING MUST-WIN FIXTURES

HARROW'S seemingly inevitable slide to Southern League relegation continued with yet another defeat against a strong Bracknell side on Tuesday, writes Simon Grigor. Ahmet Biler and Johnny Allotey came in for George Moore and Jaden Sharman, who were injured in Saturday's 4-0 defeat at Plymouth Parkway.

And Harrow made a decent start as they matched their opponents in the first 25 minutes.

However, the hosts showed sloppy passing, panicky defending and conceded needless free-kicks and, nearing half-time, a deep corner from the right was met at the far post by a Harris header that somehow went over the line.

Back out for the second half, Harrow had a brief period of pressure, the highlight being Brosnan's fierce shot pushed away by Eacott, but Bracknell disrupted the game to prevent any rhythm being built up.

Temperatures boiled over to illustrate Harrow's frustration and saw cautions for Kandolo and Bracknell's Knight, the latter having escaped a yellow card for a cynical first-half foul.

One or two other players from each side were lucky to escape censure too for their part in the affray and Harrow's revival petered away as the opposition dominated the remainder of the game and added more goals. In the 68th minute, a quick Bracknell break saw Abisogun pick up the ball in the inside-left channel, beat Kandolo inside and out and smash a left-foot drive past Knightbridge.

Five minutes later, Platt raced into the home box on the right and, when his shot came back off the far post, Sanders was there to net the rebound. Knightbridge saved from Platt before, in a rare Harrow attack, Eacott saved at the feet of substitute Maxime Ndambi, who forced the Bracknell keeper to turn another shot round the post.

Then, in the 89th minute, Ndambi lost the ball in midfield and, with another substitute, Shaun Preddie, sitting injured on the turf, a disjointed Harrow rearguard blocked an initial shot, but Tack was following up to drive home the ball and seal a 4-0 victory for the visitors.

There now follow two more home games in the space of the next week and both would normally be seen as winnable.

In what is arguably the most important week in Harrow Borough's recent history they face must-win against Gosport Borough on Saturday and Dorchester Town on Tuesday.