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Wealdstone's Corie Andrews surrounded by Barnet rivals. Image: Jon Taffel

Wealdstone welcome Shots after club record

WEALDSTONE welcome National League rivals Aldershot Town to Grosvenor Vale on Saturday, having been held to a thrilling 2-2 draw by Oldham Athletic in midweek.

Stuart Maynard's men had suffered a 2-0 derby defeat against promotion-chasing Barnet on Saturday, in front of a record crowd of 3,012.

That eclipsed the 2,817 who attended the game against Wrexham in November, with all at Wealdstone delighted to see a packed-out crowd at the Vale for Non-League Day.

Although spirits were high going into Saturday's game, the hosts were unfortunately defeated by their rivals who came out firing in the second half.

Lewis Simper hit the crossbar for Stones in the first half, but Nicke Kabamba opened the scoring early in the second half and Harry Pritchard sealed the deal to earn Dean Bren-

nan's side a league double over their rivals.

Maynard made one change to the starting line-up on Tuesday, as Tarry Allarakhia returned, with Max Kretschmar (injury) and Ashley Charles (international duty) back on the bench.

Bassala Sambou sent an early effort high and wide for Oldham, before Cambridge loanee Simper's rising effort cleared the crossbar at the other end.

Allarakhia's effort then fell to Corie Andrews on 19 minutes, but Mark Kitching produced a goalline clearance to deny the hosts.

And the Latics took the lead eight minutes later when a fine ball from Mark Shelton split the home defence and Joe Nuttall slotted past Sam Howes.

Only a fantastic double save from

Howes denied the visitors a second goal soon after, while Andrews raced through on goal and squared for Olufela Olomola, whose effort was blocked.

Mathew Hudson then held Olomola's header, from a Charles Clayden cross, but Howes had to produce a brilliant save to thwart Nuttall before the interval.

Stones were back on terms within three minutes of the restart as leading scorer Olomola surged into the box and fired home his ninth goal of the season.

But Andrews blazed a good chance over moments later, before Liam Hogan's vital tackle stopped Olomola in his tracks.

Wealdstone took the lead before the hour mark, though, as a superb team move ended with Sonny-Blu Lo-Everton firing home at the far post.

But their joy was shortlived as Old-

ham got back on terms on 61 minutes when Nuttall beat Howes from the penalty spot.

Stones continued to push for a winner, with Lo-Everton sending a shot on the turn narrowly wide on 78 minutes.

Clayden cut inside and curled an effort just past the far post, but Oldham went close two minutes from time when Ellis Chapman's corner was headed goalwards, but Stones skipper Jack Cook produced a vital goalline block.

Both sides had chances to snatch a late winner in stoppage time, with Hudson saving Kretschmar's header from Olomola's cross before Mike Fondop sent a looping header from Will Sutton's centre over at the other end.

The draw leaves Wealdstone in ninth place, six points off a play-off spot, with only six games remaining.

Harrow Borough go down to defeats

SOUTHERN LEAGUE SURVIVAL HOPES HANGING IN THE BALANCE

HARROW Borough's 44 years as a Southern League Premier club is nearing its end, after an insipid display in a crucial six-pointer saw them lose 2-0 to Gosport Borough, one of the very few sides they still had a chance to catch.

They included two new signings in their starting line-up in the returning James Ewington and right wing-back Roman Charles-Cook, a youth loan from Sutton United.

Sahid Nallo, a work experience arrival from Leyton Orient, came on in the second half but while Harrow were gambling on unproven youngsters, Gosport introduced the much-travelled experience of Charlie Wassmer, signed on loan from Hayes & Yeading.

The visitors started the stronger and Lewis Kinsella shot over the angle of post and bar in the opening minutes, before Samuel Adenola, Harrow's captain for the day, fired wide.

In the 16th minute, a Gosport short corner was played back to the taker who took it into the box along the byline without meeting a challenge and gave it to Brett Williams, who shot home through a crowd of players.

Jacob Knightbridge saved George Hunt's effort and saw Williams shoot over from Kinsella's feed before Harrow's best effort on 25 minutes saw referee Oxenham play a great advantage after a breaking Roman Charles-Cook was taken down by Maxwell Kinsey and Anointed Chukwu picked up the ball, brushed off a challenge and crashed a low shot off the far post. Wassmer's shot was saved by Knightbridge before the break and the second half saw Gosport content to sit on their lead, looking to catch Harrow on the break.

Substitute Ben De Lacy-Turner fired over in a rare Harrow effort before, in the 78th minute, a left-wing Gosport break ended with the ball squared to Harvey Rew and he drove home the second from the edge of the box past Knightbridge's left hand. Another De Lacy-Turner shot was blocked, leading to a quick Gosport break stopped by Ahmet Biler, Harrow's best player on the day.

The returning Ewington received virtually no useful service, but he should have done better with a late chance, but his diving header saved easily by Patrick O'Flaherty.

A midweek meeting with Dorchester ended in a 2-1 defeat, as Johnny Allotey's goal proved in vain after two Shaquille Gwengwe penalties.

It left Harrow six points adrift of Hendon, having played two more games, ahead of a trip to Hartley Wintney on Saturday.