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## FOOTBALL: Magpies down Maynard's men



Wealdstone's Lewis Simper and Nathan Ferguson in action against Notts County. Image: Jon Taffel

# Stones look to rebound on Boreham Wood trip

WEALDSTONE head to National League promotion hopefuls Boreham Wood on Saturday, looking to bounce back from a 3-0 loss at Notts County on Good Friday.

Unforced errors gifted title-chasing Magpies two goals, with Jack Cook's wayward pass handing Sam Austin an early opener before Alex Dyer's mistake allowed Macaulay Langstaff to net a record-breaking 41st league goal of the season.

Substitute Frank Vincent added a third goal 14 minutes from time and Stones boss Stuart Maynard told the club website: "The two errors that gave them two goals is really frustrating."

"You can't really give Notts any opportunity to go ahead because when they do they strangle you."

"For me they're the best team in this league by a country mile. I hope they go on and win it because Luke [Williams] has done an unbelievable job here."

"I thought it was a really good footballing match, both teams trying to play in the right manner, trying to move the ball through the thirds and play well."

"Their third goal you can take, it's a bounce and run, they're excellent at it, you can see they work on it all the time. But the other two goals are so frustrating."

Cook's misplaced pass to Charlie Barker was collected by Langstaff, who set up Austin to beat Sam Howes on eight minutes.

But Sam Habergham had a header blocked and Olufela Olomola saw a shot spilled by Archie Mair, before Langstaff

headed against a post and Howes denied Austin and Langstaff with a double save.

Howes saved from Langstaff again before the break, but Dyer missed a long ball forward to allow the striker through early in the second half to beat Ricky Miller's 40-goal mark from 2017.

And Vincent pounced on a rebound when Howes saved from Austin as County took over at the top of the table after Wrexham's surprise loss to FC Halifax Town.

"I don't think it was a 3-0, we gifted them two goals from our mistakes," added Nathan Ferguson.

"I don't think we were too bad but in the final third we never really produced and the score is a bit harsh."

"We do play a similar style but they

play at a good intensity. It's definitely tough away from home."

Stones were cheered on by 339 travelling fans in a crowd of 9,789 at Meadow Lane and are set to host Aldershot Town on Tuesday, having seen their Bank Holiday Monday fixture against Solihull Moors postponed.

That left them in 12th place, nine points off the play-offs with a game in hand and Ferguson added: "They're good, we could hear the support, they definitely gave us a bit of a boost but we just couldn't get anything from the game."

"As a team, I'm actually a bit disappointed with how we've done because I think we've got more in us. It's just one of those things. We'll just try and get some points from the rest of the games."

## Win delays inevitable for Harrow

HARROW Borough gave a tiny band of travelling supporters a Bank Holiday boost with a 3-1 win at Met Police, writes Simon Grigor.

Relegation may be all-but-certain but Harrow earned a first away league win since Gosport Borough in October, and only a second league win since early December.

Steve Baker made three changes from the 4-1 loss to Truro City on Good Friday, as Sahid Nallo, Ahmet Biler and Johnny Allotey came in for Hamilton Bunga, Jaden Sharman and Billy Leonard.

Met had played three times in six days and Harrow began on the front foot, with Ahmet Biler firing over from the edge of the box and Kai Omoko Brosnan seeing a shot saved by Liam Beach.

They went ahead in the 10th minute as Nallo drove forward from midfield, saw his intended pass to James Ewington intercepted, before Anointed Chukwu's composed finish from 15 yards.

Jacob Knightbridge came off his line to save at Martell Taylor-Crossdale's feet before Allotey's shot was blocked by Birch and Noel-Williams's follow-up was blocked too.

Knightbridge saved again from Taylor-Crossdale, before a big scramble in the visiting goalmouth saw Taylor-Crossdale and Herson Alves denied and Jasper Mather fire over.

Luke Robertson's effort came off the bar before Chukwu cut in from the right to see a shot blocked.

It was important Harrow began the second half well and Beach turned Chukwu's drive round the post before Brosnan shot wide.

Knightbridge had to make a superb save when a clever Met free-kick gave Robertson the chance to spin and shoot, but Allotey and Brosnan had efforts blocked before Josh Keeya had two efforts saved by Knightbridge.

Harrow doubled their lead on 64 minutes as Chukwu made a surging break in the inside-right channel and found Allotey, who turned on the edge of the box to fire low into the corner of the net.

Brosnan saw a shot from the edge of the box touched onto the post by Beach, while Chukwu blasted over before Knightbridge's magnificent save from a deflected Keeya shot.

A scramble in the Harrow goalmouth ended with Robertson halving the deficit from close range on 82 minutes and Keeya shot just over as Met sought an equaliser.

In the third minute of injury time Ben De Lacy-Turner sent fellow sub Roman Charles-Cook away on the right and he picked out Allotey to fire home at the second attempt.

The win leaves Harrow three points from safety, having played three games more than Hendon, with only a trip to Poole Town on Saturday and home game with Yate (April 22) to come.