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Wealdstone's Charlie Barker appeals against Aldershot. Image: Jon Taffel

Wealdstone lack edge in home loss to Aldershot

WEALDSTONE lacked a cutting edge in their 1-0 home defeat National League rivals against Aldershot Town in mid-week, writes Jack Hobbs.

But Shots took a huge leap in their bid for survival at Grosvenor Vale as Tahvon Campbell's third goal since joining on loan from Rochdale in March was enough to seal all three points.

The first chance of the night fell to Campbell who deftly brought down a searching long ball and rocketed a shot over the crossbar into the stands on the 10-minute mark.

And Shots threatened again as Corey Jordan flicked an effort over the bar after a long throw-in had trickled through a mass of bodies.

But Wealdstone started to wake up after captain Jack Cook skipped past a defender and tried to curl an effort past Luca Ashby-Hammond with the outside of his boot, which was stopped well.

Stones began to find their rhythm and tested the keeper again as Lewis Simper held the ball up well before laying it off to Olufela Olomola whose first-time effort forced Ashby-Hammond into another strong stop on 30 minutes.

Despite Wealdstone's dominant spell, Aldershot nearly took the lead with a towering header from Jordan which forced Sam Howes into a stunning save to keep the scoreline blank.

Wealdstone were inches away from snatching the lead on the stroke of half-time after a great corner routine found Olomola free in the six-yard box.

The striker must have thought he'd scored when his effort had seemingly beaten the keeper but a heroic clearance off the line from Tyler Cordner denied Stones the opener.

Aldershot started the second half with a spark as Campbell rattled the crossbar with a header from close range

within minutes of the restart.

Sonny Blu Lo-Everton went closest for Wealdstone after cutting in from the left, skipping past Joe Partington and hammering a powerful effort just over the bar in the 58th minute.

However, Aldershot finally broke the deadlock with 23 minutes left as Ryan Glover broke on the right and tried to guide his effort into the bottom left corner, with Howes getting down well only to push the ball into the path of Campbell who slotted home.

Wealdstone attempted to pull themselves level but with just three goals in their last seven games the lack of killer instinct in front of goal was evident.

A looping header from Charlie Barker and an optimistic overhead kick from Lo-Everton in the 88th minute wasn't enough to beat Ashby-Hammond, condemning Stones to a seventh game without a win.

"It's another game I can't believe we haven't scored in from the positions we found ourselves in" said Stones boss Stuart Maynard.

"I feel a little bit sorry at the moment for the group because it's ending a little bit on a low when realistically what they've achieved this season has been quite incredible."

After a third successive loss, which saw Stones drop to 14th, substitute Alex Dyer dismissed claims Wealdstone were already 'on the beach' ahead of their game with Dorking Wanderers on Saturday.

"I hate that shout, it's such an easy one to do," said Dyer.

"I reject that notion wholeheartedly and I find it quite offensive. It's questioning our professionalism and our hunger and desire to do well and win like we have done all season. The boys have given everything and nothing's changed."

Harrow sink at Poole to confirm relegation

HARROW Borough's relegation was finally confirmed on a sunny afternoon in Dorset when they lost to Poole 1-0. They were clearly second best against the Dolphins, but played with a good deal of pride, deserving of the mutual applause between playing staff and travelling fans at the final whistle.

Steve Baker was able to select the same side that beat Met Police on Easter Monday, but they almost had a nightmare start after just 30 seconds when Ezra Ikebuasi gave the ball away and Fogden fired against the crossbar.

A possible handball in the home box was waved away, before Spetch shot wide from a corner, while Kai Omoko Brosnan's cross was just too high for a stretching James Ewington.

Pardoe surged forward for Poole to shoot wide and Spetch put a free header over, before Lee forced Jacob Knightbridge to save his far-post header. Sonny Hart and a home forward collided in the Harrow box on 43 minutes and referee Mr Collins pointed to the spot, but changed his decision after consulting his assistant.

Dickson was given far too much space to run at Harrow's defence but dragged his shot wide as the half ended with the visitors, needing to win, but having not had an attempt on goal.

Knightbridge saved well from Adu-Adjei as the second half began, while Samuel Adenola headed off the line in a scramble, with Olumuyiwa getting to the ball to head over.

Adenola then presented the ball to Adu-Adjei whose rocket shot crashed down off the bar and Knightbridge touched over Murray's looping shot.

Harrow finally forced a diving save from Cairney when Knightbridge released Sahid Nallo on the left and he found Brosnan to pick out Isiah Noel-Williams to fire goalwards.

But any thoughts this might mean a change in the pattern of play were dashed on 68 minutes, as Lee made a clever run off his marker and, found by a superb pass by Adu-Adjei, fired home.

Lee was close to a second, guiding a cross past the near post, and Holmes went close with a similar try before Cairney came out of his area on the left and gave the ball to Ben De Lacy-Turner.

The substitute's effort curled away from the unguarded goal rather than towards it, though, and Adenola pulled down a home forward on 86 minutes, but Knightbridge capped his man of the match display by diving to push away Holmes's spot-kick.

Harrow host Yate Town, also relegated, in their last game on Saturday, after a midweek clash with Hayes & Yeading United in the Middlesex Senior Cup final.