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Wealdstone have reached a Wembley final

Waddock's Wembley challenge to his side

GARY Waddock has laid down a Wembley challenge to his Wealdstone players: You need to be bang at it to make the final squad!

The Stones booked their Isuzu FA Trophy final date with Southend United by beating Marine last weekend.

It means a return to the home of football for the club that famously won the Non-League double back in 1985.

Boss Waddock, who only took over as manager last month, was proud to see his side navigate their semi-final but he wants his side to build towards the big day.

They smashed Hartlepool 7-0 on Tuesday before a 5-1 defeat to Boreham Wood on Good Friday.

And Waddock will be leaning on

By MATT BADCOCK

the importance of impressing of they want to be involved at Wembley.

"I've said to them, 'If you want to get in the squad, first of all, that is the motivation for you,'" Waddock told The NLP following the Pools win.

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"Some players weren't involved (on Tuesday), players are injured – the squad is fairly strong for us and we'll use that

to motivate them in terms of: We have a final, if you want to be in it, you have to perform'. For sure they performed on Tuesday night..."

Micah Obiero scored the winner against Marine with a wonderful lob in the final minutes – and it took the forward just 21 minutes to hit a hat-trick against Pools.

Appreciation
 "It's brilliant for him," Waddock said. "If you saw the goal he scored Saturday at a higher level we'd be talking about it for god knows how long."
 "For our keeper, Dante (Baptiste), to find that path to put him in. The finish, ish, at that moment in the game, was brilliant.

"So he goes into Tuesday full of confidence and he gets a quick hat-trick.

Different types of finishes, his movement and everything with him was on it.

"He's been an important player but he'll be the first to say the players are creating the

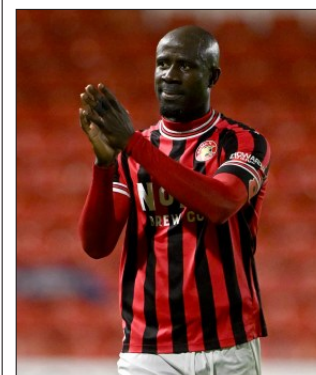
chances – it's not only him, it's everyone else.

"It had to be a team effort against Hartlepool both in and out of possession to get the result we got. Hartlepool have been in good form – their away form is good – and for us to put in a performance against a strong club like that was very pleasing."

The former Aldershot Town boss paid tribute to their semi-final opponents Marine, who once again belied their Step 2 status to push the National League Stones all the way.

Adomah is new Trust patron

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Albert Adomah Image: PA

HARROW Borough's big success story Albert Adomah has become patron of a new Supporters' Trust aiming to help secure the club's future.

A group of long-standing fans have united to aid the Isthmian League outfit after a proposed sale of their ground to a property developer fell through. Walsall forward Adomah, 38, began his career at Boro and went onto to play for Middlesbrough in the Championship and Premier League, Aston Villa and QPR as well as the World Cup with Ghana. His former boss David Howell has become president of Harrow Borough Supporters' Trust as they appeal for support and investors to come forward. A statement said: "This club has been part of the local community for nearly 100 years and we are determined to do everything we can to ensure it reaches its centenary and beyond."

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■ Danny Hollands' unbeaten run as manager of Bognor Regis Town continued as they battled to a draw against Harrow Borough.

After an uneventful first half, the game came to life in the second 45 minutes, with a couple of goals and also a sending off for the visitors.

Bognor went behind in the 77th minute as Jayde John Crotty slipped the ball under the diving Dan Lincoln. But it didn't take long for the hosts to equalise as hard work down the left saw the ball played square to Kaya Tshaka in the box and he slammed it high into the net.

Henry Searle was then fouled and Keagan Cole was shown a straight red card.