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Fela Olomola. Image: Jon Taffel

Penalty save key as Stones take three points from Boston

A SAVED penalty early in the second half then two goals in two minutes saw Wealdstone wrestle three points away from shell-shocked Boston.

Gary Waddock was full of praise for his Stones side, who bounced back from disappointment against Kidderminster last weekend, starting life without Micah Obiero, perfectly.

"The way the lads played, the way they defended, the penalty save Dante [Baptiste] made kept us in the game. That gave us a brilliant platform and encouragement to go forward and win the game."

Again a minute later defensive shape collapsed down the left and eventually the ball found its way across to Jaydn Mundle-Smith to crack an effort into the top corner via a deflection.

Wealdstone felt justice was done when Baptiste saved Lenell John-Lewis' 49th minute penalty low to his right after Kyle Smith had been penalised for handball blocking a Sai Sachdev cross at relatively close quarters.

Boston had started brightly and, for the second home game in a

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row, led before ultimately losing. Smith's wayward back-pass rippled Baptiste's side netting and the resulting corner was recycled into the 12th minute opener.

After Boston looked to be building an ascendancy, Wealdstone went in front on 65 minutes. Jayden Harris picked Sachdev's pocket high on the attacking left and squared for Olufela Olomola to tap in with Louis Chadwick exposed.

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Gavan Holohan delivered an inviting cross onto the penalty spot from the right flank and Jamie Grimes rose above Baptiste and other interested parties to head home.

The Pilgrims were stung Ken

Aboh and Lennon Wheeldon looked to have combined for a second eight minutes later, but after Baptiste spilled the latter's shot and Aboh tapped in, the linesman flagged for offside.

That decision came into sharper focus seven minutes later, when the visitors levelled. Dylan Kadji applied the finishing touch to a neat team move from close-range.

In search of a second, quick feet from Aboh drew Baptiste out, but scrambled bodies on the line denied John-Lewis after he received the cut back, then the target man headed over Terrell Agyemang's cross from the resulting corner.

After the killer two-minute spell midway through the second half, Boston enjoyed their best spell of pressure but Baptiste and a combination of his defence smothered Aboh and Wheeldon's attempts then John-Lewis hit the post with a header from Sachdev's cross.

The afternoon had not started well for Boston. Their new South (away) Stand had briefly opened for the first time, but smoke caused by a fault in the kitchen forced Stones fans back to the previous East Stand perch.



Queens Park Rangers manager Julien Stephan. Image: PA

Styles told to 'prove his worth' before West Brom

HEAD coach James Morrison revealed he had challenged Callum Styles to prove his worth again after the full-back earned West Brom a point in a 1-1 draw against QPR.

Styles, 26, made light of playing an unfamiliar role for the second game in a row to equalise, cancelling out Chris Mepham's own goal. QPR remain unbeaten on their travels this season despite fielding a team showing five changes.

Head coach Julien Stephan said: "When you face a team with very good confidence and strong results it's really important to be strong in your foundation and our defensive organisation was brilliant."

"Usually we are better with the ball and are able to create more danger."

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"Today it was more difficult for us to create with the ball, even if we had the best chance of the second half with Kwame Poku."

"But it was a lovely move for our goal. I enjoyed it because it was part of our game plan after the ball was regained to be able to use the space behind their centre-backs."

QPR led through Mepham's own goal in the 38th minute against the run of play.

Poku sent Rumarn Burrell racing clear and he turned Jayson Molumby before his shot forced Max O'Leary into a diving save, the rebound hitting Mepham on the head and bouncing into the unguarded net.

Jayhawks coach: We can make history at Wembley

KANSAS Jayhawks head coach Lance Leipold believes his players have an opportunity of producing history against Arizona State Sun Devils in the inaugural Union Jack Classic at Wembley Stadium this Saturday (September 19), writes Ziad Chaudry.

Both the Jayhawks and Sun Devils will play a regular season NCAA Division 1 (the highest division of USA's intercollegiate sports) in the UK for the very first time.

Both teams will be playing their third game of the 2026 season come Saturday and organisers NCAA are confident their College Football product will be hugely popular as the regular season NFL games at England Football's iconic home.

Both teams come across the Atlantic with a 1-1 record after week

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two of NCAA Division 1. The Jayhawks fell to home to Missouri 38-21, while Texas A&M banked a 48-20 how win over Sun Devils

"When you go to a historic place like Wembley Stadium then hopefully we'll have a little chance to soak it all in," Leipold, 62, said who is in his fifth season as head coach of Jayhawks.

"I think even we have so many things going on at college athletics, we should not take away experiences such as this if they are afforded to you. This is something that we're looking forward to."

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