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BOROUGH draw with Bracknell in friendly clash



Harrow Borough played out a 3-3 draw with Bracknell Town in their first friendly back following the suspension of football

Picture: Bruce Viveash

Four Stones in team of the season

FOUR STONES STARS AMONG LEAGUE'S BEST PLAYERS



Wealdstone players celebrate

Picture: Adam Williams

FOUR of Wealdstone's National League South champions have been named in the division's team of the season.

After manager Dean Brennan was presented with the National League South manager of the year award the week before, a handful of the on-field team were named in the league's final list of top performing players.

Among them were Captain Jerome Okimo, full-back Michee Efete, central midfielder Billy Clifford and Young Stones Player of the Year winner Dennon Lewis.

All four made notable contributions to Wealdstone's title winning season and were recognised by the National League.

Okimo started all but one of the 33 league games Stones played last season before the coronavirus pandemic put a halt to football, during which he contributed to 11 clean sheets and scored three goals.

Playing alongside the skipper was Efete in his breakout year for the club. His efforts earned him the Chairman's Award after he scored eight times and picked up three assists in all competitions from the full-back position.

Okimo's impressive league appearances stats were almost matched by Clifford, who made 31 league appearances, scoring six goals and assisting nine times in the Stones' National League South campaign, earning him a place in the division's team of the season.

Finally, Lewis, who picked up the Wealdstone Jock Law Trophy and Young Stones Player of the Year, also found himself in the team of the season after a season in which he scored 13 goals and got 10 assists in 39 appearances in all competitions.

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First friendly is a thriller

By Ryan Gray

HARROW Borough took part in their first behind-closed-doors friendly on Saturday, as they held Bracknell Town in a six-goal-thriller that finished 3-3.

Borough had to come from behind twice, while holding the lead themselves for a period in the second-half, with a draw possibly flattering Harrow at the final whistle.

It took just nine minutes for Bracknell to open the scoring as they took the game to a rusty looking home side whose time away from football had hampered their cohesion.

Debutant goalkeeper Dan Purdue was made to work hard throughout the first-half and his display meant things were not as bad as they could have been at the break, with Borough trailing by just one.

Five changes at half-time improved Harrow, who had taken the lead with just over 20 minutes of normal time remaining.

First, David Taylor equalised with a free-kick just shy of the hour mark, before Marc Charles-Smith latched onto a

long ball from the back and lofted his effort over the head of the onrushing goalkeeper just under ten minutes later.

However, Bracknell had more energy than their hosts and as the game entered its final stages, the visitors looked far stronger.

They put themselves back in the driving seat with two goals in four minutes and looked to have wrapped up the victory when they put the ball in the net again in the final minute, only for it to be disallowed.

Borough salvaged a draw from the jaws of defeat with an injury time goal.

Charlie Cahill scrambled the ball into the net after Dylan Ive's free-kick produced a melee in the Bracknell box.

Harrow face Hanwell Town this weekend in their second pre-season friendly before trips to Colliers Wood, Windsor, Potters Bar and Ascot later this month.

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