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Wealdstone were promoted after winning the National League South

Picture: Adam Williams

## Harrow draw eight goal thriller

**BOROUGH AND NORTHWOOD SCORE FOUR GOALS APIECE**



Picture: Bruce Viveash

HARROW Borough finished their pre-season with a dramatic 4-4 draw with Northwood on Tuesday evening as they prepare for competitive action to return this weekend with an FA Cup clash away at Langney Wanderers before league action resumes the weekend after with a trip to Truro City.

Maloney, Gubbins and a brace from Moore helped Harrow rack up a healthy goals tally, but at the other end they were unable to prevent Northwood from doing the same.

It was Northwood who opened the scoring with just five minutes gone, but Borough were level 15 minutes when Maloney closed down a defender following a loose pass and the attempted clearance ricocheted back off the advancing Harrow player and into the back of the net.

Ten minutes later and Borough had taken the lead, this time through Moore.

After Maloney picked out Ferdinand on the edge of the area, an intricate pass found its way to the attacker in the box and he made no mistake, firing past the Northwood keeper.

Two soon became three as Harrow built a sizeable advantage.

A weaving run into the area from Bryan allowed Moore to find some space and when the former squared the ball, the latter had no problems finishing for his second of the game.

Had they held retained their advantage at half-time things might have been different, but Wood pulled one back at the end of the half. Two further Wood goals had the visitors ahead in the final minute of the game, only for Gubbins to scramble in a dramatic late equaliser.

## Stones thrash Hayes away

By Ryan Gray

WEALDSTONE will kick off their National League season with a home match against Chesterfield on Saturday, October 3.

Following their promotion from the National League South as champions, Stones are preparing for a campaign at the top of English non-league football.

The opening match will be followed by away trips to Yeovil Town and Dagenham & Redbridge while Stockport County (H), Wrexham (H), King's Lynn (A), Halifax (A) and an FA Cup fourth qualifying round complete a gruelling first month back in competitive action.

There is no let up in the months following either, with five games pencilled in for November and seven more in December.

As part of their preparation, Stones travelled to the SkyEx Community Stadium to face local Southern League Premier South side Hayes & Yeading United on Tuesday evening.

In an encouraging display, the visitors put five goals past their hosts in a convincing 5-2 victory as goals from Danny

Parish, Charlee Hughes, Moses Emmanuel, Ross Lafayette and a trialist meant that Francis Amarte's brace was ultimately little more than a consolation.

Wealdstone were in the lead after just eight minutes of play when a pair of trialists combined nicely to find the first goal of the game before Parish grabbed his fourth goal of pre-season a minute later to make it 2-0.

Parish turned provider later on in the first-half, setting up Hughes for Wealdstone's third, but Amarte kept Hayes & Yeading just about in the game before half-time, rounding the trialist goalkeeper before scoring.

Stones boss Dean Brennan made ten changes on the hour mark and it made an instant impact, with Emmanuel scoring five minutes after his arrival. Amarte then pulled another back for the hosts, but Lafayette's late fifth sealed the win.

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