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Danny Parish's goal made the difference at FC Halifax Town. Photo: Wealdstone FC

Mariappa is bound for Bristol

WATFORD DEFENDER TO JOIN CHAMPIONSHIP RIVALS



Adrian Mariappa Photo: Action Images

FORMER Watford defender Adrian Mariappa has joined Championship club rivals Bristol City. The Robins confirmed in a statement on Wednesday that Harrow-born Mariappa has joined the club as a free agent until January after leaving Vicarage Road. Reports of the move surfaced on Monday after Bristol Live reported that the Robins had held talks with Mariappa, although no move had been confirmed. The defender left Watford in the summer after no agreement was reached during discussions regarding a potential extension to his deal. Bristol City Chief Executive Officer Mark Ashton said: "I am thrilled that the club has been able to secure a player of Adrian Mariappa's quality and experience. "I am confident he will help Dean, his staff and players kick on after what has been a very good start to the campaign and our supporters should be excited to see him in a Bristol City shirt after the international break." City Head Coach Holden said: "We've done our due diligence and received some fantastic character references and that's really important for me. He is a fantastic professional who is reliable, and he can certainly help the guys around him. "When we spoke I could hear his hunger to come here, continue his career and achieve something special at this football club." The Hornets will face Bristol City later this month (November 25), meaning an early reunion is potentially on the cards. Last month Watford CEO and Chairman Scott Duxbury said it was a "huge mistake" to not tell fans that Mariappa had left the club, with no

Stones up to second place

By Chris Woods

A LATE goal from Danny Parish against FC Halifax Town took Wealdstone up to second place in the National League.

The bruising match saw Wealdstone's hosts reduced to nine men over the course of the match at The Shay Stadium.

Stones boss Dean Brennan made three changes from the side that beat Altrincham, with Connor Smith, Jorome Slew and Ross Lafayette returning.

The visitors were soon one player up when Jeff King was sent off following a heavy tackle on Jacob Mendy after just three minutes.

Slew almost made the most of the man advantage immediately after, but headed over Smith's crossed free kick.

Halifax had the best opportunity of the first half. Martin Woods' free kick caused pinball in the Stones area with Neill Byrne eventually poking towards goal from close range, but Harry Isted pulled off a brilliant save to tip round the post.

The early dismissal set the tone for the game with both sides cautious to over-exert themselves physically, meaning every

foul was heavily contested. Both managers were also sent to the stands just before half time.

The second half was far more subdued but the referee did find time to present another red card in the game. Halifax's Danny Williams was given a second yellow card on 78 minutes for a foul on Michee Efete on the edge of the box.

Smith then went close for the Stones when his 25-yard effort was tipped over the bar by Sam Johnson.

The Stones finally made the most of their numerical advantage, Moses Emmanuel's cross was headed out by Luke Summerfield but only to Parish on the edge of the area who smashed in a pinpoint effort.

Wealdstone should have added more to the one-goal lead late on through Parish and Dennon Lewis but they were both thwarted by Johnson.

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