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## MAYNARD proud of players despite Notts defeat



Wealdstone were beaten at home by Notts County in Stuart Maynard's first game as full time manager Picture: Jon Taffel

## Stones appoint Maynard

FORMER ASSISTANT NAMED  
 FIRST TEAM MANAGER



Wealdstone's Stuart Maynard  
 Picture: Jon Taffel

WEALDSTONE have appointed Stuart Maynard and Matt Saunders to the roles of manager and assistant manager until the end of the season, after holding interviews with a number of candidates.

The pair took over on an initially temporary basis following the departure of Dean Brennan earlier in the season, but chairman Rory Fitzgerald is of the opinion that none of the candidates they considered were as capable as the pair he already had in place.

They will remain in charge until the end of next season.

A statement on the club website reads: "Wealdstone Football Club are delighted to announce that Stuart Maynard and Matt Saunders have been appointed as the club's First Team management until the end of next season, with Stuart as First Team Manager and Matt as Assistant Manager.

The club have spoken to a number of potential candidates over the past few weeks and have unanimously concluded that Stuart and Matt are the right combination to move the club forward."

Chairman Rory Fitzgerald said: "Having seen first hand the qualities and dedication that Stuart and Matt have demonstrated since taking charge of the side in very challenging circumstances, I have huge confidence in this appointment.

"There have been a lot of high quality candidates available, however the impact that Stuart and Matt have had on all aspects of the playing side has given us a real insight into their application and potential and we're looking forward to working with them as we continue to develop the club on and off the pitch."

## Stones lose to County

MARK Ellis' debut goal just after the hour gave Notts County a 1-0 win at Wealdstone to keep themselves in the Vanarama National League play-off mix. County had shaded a cagey first half, with midfielder Michael Doyle heading over and also forcing a decent stop from Stones goalkeeper Harry Isted.

The Magpies broke the deadlock in the 63rd minute when Doyle swept the ball back in following a free-kick and defender Ellis, on loan from Tranmere, headed it into the top corner.

Isted denied the visitors a second goal late on when he tipped Jim O'Brien's 20-yard shot wide and also pushed away a goal-bound effort from Calvin Miller.

Newly appointed manager Stuart Maynard said he was "proud" of his side's effort after the match, but said his players needed to become braver and more adventurous in attack.

"The lads did really well today to contain what they had, going forward especially," Maynard told the club website.

"I don't really think there was much

By Ryan Gray

in the game but I think that our best two chances in the game came in the first half. H has made a great save, and then in the second half, he's made a great save but that's when we're already at 1-0, we're chasing the game a little bit other than that. I think it was a fairly even game.

"I thought the lads did really well, they were really brave. We said to them in the week that we're defending really solid now, we need to start being a bit braver when we've got our foot on the ball and start to move the ball now and be a bit more fluid going forward.

"It's a little bit disappointing that we're not creating too many chances but you've got to understand that they are full time and they're working on this week in week out.

"We're happy and proud of the lads, the way they've worked, their work ethic. It's a sign of how professional they are."

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