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Wealdstone welcomed supporters back to Grosvenor Vale for their home game against Solihull Picture: Jon Taffel

Harrow RFC look to grow

RUGBY CLUB HOPING TO EXPAND BEFORE SEASON



Harrow preparing for next season Picture: Harrow RFC

AS one of the oddest rugby seasons ends, Harrow RFC are growing in excitement, hoping that the 2021/22 season will be a successful one.

Despite the restrictions, Harrow trained and played as much rugby as they were able to this season, and came out on top in a local Return to Rugby touch tournament, beating rivals Hampstead, Barnet, Finchley and UCS.

When contested rugby returned Harrow were also able to field a strong team and beat Chess Valley.

These successes are largely attributable to club captain Jamie Taffs who kept training going when allowed and encouraged players to stay in touch.

Next season the club are confident that they can build on the summer's achievements this year.

On the field, the desire is to play a strong, direct style of rugby led by Taffs who will skipper the first 15 and with the direction of coach Mark Chapman who is developing structured training and game plans.

With so much potential Harrow are looking to grow numbers and are determined to be able to put together two squads.

The club believes their policy of having closer ties between the colts and adults teams has already shown fruit and in the match against Chess Valley several of this and last year's colts made their debuts.

Harrow has already seen several new members join, attracted by the successful Return to Rugby campaign.

The club train on Tuesdays and Thursdays between 7 and 9pm at Grove Field, Stanmore, where they have three floodlight pitches, a player's gym and clubhouse.

Fans back for Stones

By Ryan Gray

SOLIHULL'S impressive late-season form in the Vanarama National League continued as they claimed a fifth successive victory by thumping Wealdstone 4-1 at the Grosvenor Vale Stadium.

Nathan Cameron rattled the frame of the goal early on before providing the assist for Tyrone Williams to bundle home for the Moors in the 21st minute.

Alex Addai doubled the visitors' lead on the half-hour with a composed finish following a ball over the top, and the one-way traffic continued in the 57th minute when James Ball thumped a first-time effort into the net.

Joe Sbarra clipped the bar with an inswinging corner before Moors went four ahead 10 minutes from time when Justin Donawa tapped in after Cameron had headed back across goal.

Wealdstone pulled one back in the 87th minute when Jacob Mendy slotted home from the penalty spot after Cameron was adjudged to have handled in the area, but the outcome of the contest had long been decided by that point.

After the game, Stones boss Stuart Maynard said sloppiness had been his side's downfall.

"The quality in both boxes was the difference in the game I thought," he told the club's Youtube channel.

"We've given away sloppy goals again but their quality has just showed today. "They're a good team, a really good team, and I think they'll be in and around the mix next season."

Maynard was pleased however to welcome supporters back to the ground for the first time in ages.

"It was great to have them back and we just can't wait to get this place rockin again and make this place a fortress next season," he said. "This is something that we'll need, the fans to be the 12th man, we'll massively need them."

"I thought they were positive today. It's a shame we couldn't get a better result."



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