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## **WEALDSTONE** beat Woking to end on a high



Sonny Blu Lo-Everton (right) scored the fourth goal for Wealdstone as they beat Woking on the final day of the season



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## Stones finish with a win

WEALDSTONE claimed their first National League victory in 11 games after battling back to beat fellow strugglers Woking 4-2 at Kingfield Stadium. The 19th-placed Stones had picked up

The 19th-placed Stones had picked up just one point from their previous 10 outings but finally gave their fans something to cheer at the end of their first season back in the division.

Woking, who were in similarly miserable form having ended a run of 10 successive defeats with a draw last time out, drew first blood when Alex Dyer turned Charlie Cooper's free-kick into his own net.

However, Wealdstone were level just after the half-hour as Charlee Hughes fired home his first goal of the season.

The hosts came close to retaking the lead on the stroke of half-time with Max Kretzschmar having an effort cleared off the line but they did get their noses back in front in the 50th minute.

Defender Ben Gerring, who announced this week he would be leaving the club after three seasons, headed home at the far



post to put Woking 2-1 up.

However, the Cardinals could not give Gerring a winning send-off as Wealdstone rallied with three goals in quick succession to claim the spoils.

Ryan Gondoh levelled from the penalty spot in the 67th minute after he had been brought down by Kyran Lofthouse, and he then made it 3-2 before Sonny Blu Lo-Everton wrapped things up. Lo-Everton will now return to parent

Lo-Everton will now return to parent club Watford, where he is an academy player.

At the end of his loan spell, he told the Hornets' website he had learned a lot.

"It was a great experience for me," said Lo-Everton. "All the lads were great with me and helped me step up to men's football. The physicality of the league is tough, but you learn how to adapt and add bits to your game to cope, like moving the ball quicker."

## Stones reveal preseason plan

SEVEN PRE-SEASON GAMES ANNOUNCED BY STONES



Wealdstone players huddle

Picture: Jon Taffel

WEALDSTONE have announced seven pre-season friendly matches as Stuart Maynard begins to look ahead to his first full season in charge.

Stones finished their first season back in the National League with a 4-2 win against Woking at the weekend, ending an 11 game winless streak, and are already planning for their second campaign.

Five of the seven fixtures arranged will take place away from home, with two being held at Grosvenor Vale.

The first of those matches is a short away trip to face Rayners Lane on Saturday July 17 before another away game against St Albans City just three days later on Tuesday, July 20.

Following those matches, Stones will travel to Bedford Town on Saturday, July 24 before facing Chesham United, again away from home, on Tuesday July 27. The first of Wealdstone's home

The first of Wealdstone's home friendlies will take place on Saturday, July 31 when they host Colchester United before they travel again for their penultimate pre-season friendly, this time at Dorking Wanderers on August 7.

Watford Under 23s will be Stones' final opponent before their season begins properly, the young Hornets will visit Grosvenor Vale on Tuesday, August 10.

The club has stated that more matches are being arranged and could be announced in the coming days, once they have been finalised. Wealdstone will announce ticket information for all matches shortly.



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