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## JACKETT joins Wealdstone as scout and analyst



Stuart Maynard has described new scout Ryan Jackett as 'a step in the right direction'

Picture: Jon Taffel

# Maynard delighted by new scout's addition

WEALDSTONE boss Stuart Maynard has spoken about his delight at bringing Ryan Jackett to the club as a new chief scout and first team analyst.

The son of former Watford, Leyton Orient, Portsmouth and Wolverhampton Wanderers manager Kenny Jackett has joined ahead of the upcoming 2022/23 National League season, during which the Stones hope to build on their successful campaign last season, in which they successfully avoided relegation, finishing in 16th place, almost 20 points above the drop zone.

By Ryan Gray

It is hoped that Jackett's experience will help bolster the squad in the right areas ahead of what promises to be another incredibly tough season at Grosvenor Vale.

"We're delighted to welcome Ryan on board with us," Maynard told the club website.

"With the National League becoming increasingly more like an extension of the EFL, he's somebody that we've identified and wanted to get on board when the

moment was right.

"We need to keep making these small steps to become more professional, and to help us consolidate and thrive within this league."

Away from his father's achievements, Jackett has personally built up a solid CV of his own, mainly at Kings Langley where, in addition to coaching and assistant manager roles, he was also trusted for a spell as interim manager.

More recently, he spent time working at his dad's old stomping ground, Watford, where he was part of the academy coaching setup, while he has also held a simi-

lar role at Stevenage as well.

Maynard believes Jackett's addition will prevent Stones from stagnating and said the new scout's hunger and experience will keep them moving in the right direction.

"As a management team and a club we don't want to stand still," he continued.

"So this is another small step in the right direction, in creating something with longevity at this football club.

"Ryan is young, hungry and has good experience so we're delighted to get him on board."

## Midfielder extends his Boro stay

MICHAEL BRYAN SIGNS NEW HARROW CONTRACT



Michael Bryan

Picture: Harrow Borough

MICHAEL Bryan has spoken about the "easy decision" he made to extend his time at Harrow Borough for another season.

The Northern Irish midfielder has been with the club since 2014, during which time he has amassed over 350 appearances in total, passing that landmark during last season.

Speaking to the club website after extending his stay at Boro, Bryan said that he believes next season could be a successful one, should the right additions be made to the squad over the summer.

"It was an easy decision to sign," he said.

"I've been with the management team for many years now and have enjoyed my football, hence why I have been here for so long now.

"We have a good bunch of lads and have some real quality in the squad. With a few key additions I believe we will be in and around what we want to achieve next season."

Manager Steve Baker described Bryan as a key part of his plans and emphasised his increasingly importance off the pitch as well as on it.

He added: "Mike has been with me since I arrived at Harrow and has always been a key player in the team.

"He's also at an age now where his experience with the younger players is very important to the side.

"I'm delighted to get Mike on board again and I'm sure he will play a big part of what we want to do next year."