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## WINGER returns to the Vale after previous loan spell



Stones boss Stuart Maynard is delighted with his latest addition. Picture: Jon Taffel

# Allarakhia an 'exciting addition' to the Stones

By Anthony Matthews

WEALDSTONE boss Stuart Maynard says Tarryn Allarakhia "ticks all the boxes" after he moved to Grovesend Vale following his departure from National League rivals Woking.

The 24-year-old winger is the Stones' second new signing of the summer and, like goalkeeper Sam Howes, is returning to the club after a previous loan spell.

Allarakhia was previously at the Vale in the latter part of the 2018/19 season after joining from Crawley Town, scoring four goals in 18 appearances to help the side reach the National League South play-offs.

Maynard told the club website: "We're all delighted to have got Tarryn on board. He's a player that we've long admired and we've had

to fight off competition to secure his signature. Tarryn is someone who fits our recruitment model and ticks all the boxes we need ticking.

"The fans will know him from his time on loan here, but for anyone doesn't - he's a very complete player.

"He's got great football intelligence, he can dribble, create, and on top of that, he competes and works hard off the ball. He's an exciting addition and our patience has been rewarded."

Meanwhile, Stones' ground will be the home of Watford Women next season after the club agreed a one-

year partnership with the Championship club.

This will also see Watford play their only open-door pre-season friendly at the Vale, against Southampton on Saturday, July 23, in preparation for their Championship campaign.

Chairman Rory Fitzgerald said: "Hosting women's football is great for the club and deepens our ties with Watford."

"This is an exciting time for the Women's game and these games at Grovesend Vale will give our supporters and the local community the chance to be part of the growth of the Women's game."

The Golden Girls, who suffered heart-breaking relegation in the dy-

ing moments of their final Championship game last season, will play the majority of their Women's National League South fixtures at Stones' ground.

Women's general manager Amber Wildgust said: "We're delighted to secure such great facilities for our first team."

"I know Watford and Wealdstone have established good links over the past few years, so hopefully we can play our part in solidifying a partnership that takes us into the long-term future."

"It'll be a privilege for our squad to play at The Vale. The pitch has a great reputation and that can really help inspire our players for a promotion push."

## Evans signs as three depart Boro

DEMBELE, MANSFIELD AND COLE LEAVE HARROW



New signing Great Evans

Picture: Harrow Borough FC

THE Harrow Borough squad for the new season is continuing to take shape with one new signing and three departures. Striker Great Evans has moved to Earlsmead, but boss Steve Baker has seen Antonio Dembele, James Mansfield and Lewis Cole leave the club for a variety of reasons.

The Boro boss had been tracking Evans, who lists AFC Wimbledon, Hayes & Yeading and Wingate & Finchley among his previous clubs, for some time. He told the club website: "Great was a player I was keen to get onboard last season but unfortunately he suffered a serious injury and was out for the campaign. He's now nearly back to full fitness and is raring to go."

"He will add pace, goals and physicality to the team, and give us different options to what we had last season. I'm really looking forward to working with him."

Baker revealed he spoken to Dembele, but the player had decided to move on in order to secure more regular game time. The Harrow head coach said: "Although I believe in time he could have achieved this with us, he felt his better option was to move on and drop back to step 4 to get the game time he needs. I fully respect and understand his decision and wish him well for next season."

Baker expressed his disappointment with the manner of Mansfield's departure, claiming he had been informed of the player's decision to move on by text message.

However, he was fulsome in his praise of Cole, who has left due to work commitments.

Baker said: "I can't thank Lewis enough for his time at the club. His commitment and attitude is unbelievable and he's one of the best lads I've had in my time at Harrow. Every team needs a Coley and he's never let me or the club down."