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## NEW signing Olomola strikes in win over Billericay



Nathan Ferguson lets fly from 25 yards to score Wealdstone's fourth goal at Billericay

Picture: Jon Taffel

# Stones score five in emphatic friendly win

WEALDSTONE completed a productive pre-season week of friendly results with a 5-1 victory at Billericay Town on Tuesday night.

After a Max Kretschmar first-half double and goals from a trialist and Dom Hutchinson had secured a 4-1 win at Bedford Town on Saturday, the Stones were quickly into the scoring groove at New Lodge.

Hutchinson broke down the right and his low cross picked out Fela Olomola, who calmly squared the ball for Malachi Napa to slot into an empty net.

The visitors continued to push forward with Kretschmar shooting narrowly wide, only to be pegged back when a Alfie Cerulli shot took a deflection, giving Stones' trialist goal-

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keeper no chance.

Stuart Maynard's men were soon back in front though, with Hutchinson again the source from the right and his cross was converted by Olomola from inside the six-yard box.

The new signing from Hartlepool United almost made it 3-1 soon after when his low strike from outside the box was superbly tipped around the post by Harry Seadden.

But the visitors' didn't have long to wait to extend their lead as Tarryn Allarakhia latched onto a fine lofted pass from Olomola to beat the Billericay keeper.

Wealdstone continued their attacking advances after the restart and they were rewarded with a fourth goal ten minutes into the second period when Nathan Ferguson fired home from 25 yards.

Billericay went close to reducing the deficit when Bradley Stevenson saw a fine effort come back off the underside of the bar before the visitors were reduced to ten men when Ashley Charles was sent off for foul and abusive language after 70 minutes.

However, that didn't stop the Stones from scoring a fifth when Kretschmar volleyed home substitute Tecane Shrowder's ball five minutes from the end.

Olomola moved to Wealdstone last week on a one-year contract with a

one-year option, following the sale of Josh Umerah.

Maynard was delighted to sign the former Southampton youngster and said: "Olufela is a brilliant addition and he's someone we've tracked for a while. He links the play really well and can run in behind, which makes him more difficult to mark.

"There's so much more to his game than people have seen, so we know in our environment, like previous players we've had, we can get it out of him.

"He's got great experience for his age and he is hungry and wants to learn, which makes him very coachable. His work ethic is incredible too for a centre forward, so he has a lot of strong attributes."

## Boro boss 'gutted' as Smith leaves

ASSISTANT MANAGER MAKES 'MOST DIFFICULT DECISION'



Jesse Smith

Picture: Harrow Borough FC

HARROW Borough boss Steve Baker has paid tribute to "little legend" Jesse Smith following his decision to stand down as assistant manager after seven-and-half-years.

Smith joined the club with Baker in January 2015 and has been at the side of his manager and close friend for almost 450 games, but he has stepped down after deciding he can no longer give the role everything.

Baker told the club website: "To say I'm gutted would be an understatement. Jesse has been my assistant for ten years now and the decision was completely out of the blue. Unfortunately his personal commitments away from the club have changed and he feels with the travelling involved he can't give it 100 per cent.

"I can try to find solutions for most things but not the league we're in travel wise. He's been a massive part of everything we've achieved and I couldn't have done it without him. Not only are we losing an unbelievable coach and person, he's also one of my best friends. "The players love him and he's one of the funniest people you could meet. On behalf of myself, the staff, the players and the club I would like to thank him for everything and wish him all the best in his next adventure. Good luck my friend and little legend".

Smith said: "To everyone at Harrow Borough FC, this isn't a goodbye, it's a see you soon. I really want to say a massive, massive thank you to everybody associated with this fantastic football club.

"It's the most difficult decision I've ever made during my whole football career but I feel it's the best choice concerning myself and my family going forward." Darron Wilkinson has now become assistant manager, with Marc Charles-Smith first team coach.