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## MAYNARD can only dream of Hollywood money



Wealdstone boss Stuart Maynard at the end of last season's clash against Wrexham. Pic: Jon Taffel

# Wealdstone boss: I'm ready for Wrexham

STUART Maynard says he can only dream of the Hollywood money being invested into Saturday's opponents Wrexham, writes Will Bewsey.

But he is looking forward to giving the team jointly owned by Ryan Reynolds and Rob McElhenney, the actor, producer and writer.

The Welsh club are the talk of the English game right now on the back of the 'Welcome to Wrexham' documentary and the huge investment in the National League club by Deadpool star Reynolds and Rob McElhenney, the actor, producer and writer.

The Dragons play the part-time Stones at Grosvenor Vale on Saturday in a National League fixture and a bumper crowd is expected.

"I'm really looking forward to the game," said Maynard.

"It should be a great occasion, a great atmosphere. Lots of people will

have seen the documentary and will be interested in the Wrexham story. Reynolds adds that glamour to it and people will want to come on the off chance he comes to the game or just to see the team he is involved with. It's great for the game and the league.

"I know we'll be massive underdogs but we drew 0-0 there last season and they scored twice late on to beat us at home. Our fans will make it loud, they'll make it hostile and we want them to be the leveller. We go into every game believing we can get something and that will be no different on Saturday."

Wrexham are reported to spend more on one player's weekly wage than Wealdstone do on their entire playing budget for a week and while they have signed former Football League strikers Sam Dalby, Paul Mullins, Ollie Palmer and Elliot Lee, the Stones sold last season's top scorer Josh Umerah in the

summer and this season's top scorer Rhys Browne last month.

"It's crazy and we are worlds apart when it comes to transfers," added Maynard. "They are shopping for ready-made, proven players in the middle of League One. We look at players who have been released by clubs, who fit into our structure and who have a point to prove."

"We sold Jacob Mendy to Boreham Wood as we couldn't keep hold of him and then Wrexham go and sign him off Boreham Wood for what is top money at this level. They have huge financial power, but we get great satisfaction out of the way we do it at Wealdstone."

Maynard has carved out a reputation for his smooth-passing playing style and his tactical acumen and has masterminded wins over former EFL clubs Oldham Athletic and Haliarx this season and Southend and promotion-winning

Grimsby Town in the last campaign.

He managed to guide the team with the smallest budget in the league to 16th last season and the Stones are again mid-table this season.

"Every game is a massive challenge, but one we look forward to," said Maynard.

"Me and my assistant Matty Saunders research the opposition and pride ourselves on being tactically good. We can flip our shape and we try and get control within the game by keeping the ball."

"If we don't get that control and we go toe-to-toe with these teams, we lose as they have better players. So we'll prepare well for Wrexham, try and give them problems and hopefully give the fans something to shout about. It should be a great day."

Tuesday's match with Chesterfield fell victim to a waterlogged pitch.

## Harrow Borough bank point on Yate trip

HARROW Borough picked up a Southern League point from a 3-3 draw at Yate Town as an exciting game in South Gloucestershire ended all square. The visitors struggled badly in the first 35 minutes against opponents who had just changed manager and seemed very fired up as a result.

Jacob Knightbridge kept the hosts out until the 28th minute, when a deep corner from the left was met by a looping header from Pierce Mitchell which Toby Raison touched over the line.

The goal gave Yate even more spark and a lovely move ended with a Liban Ibrahim drive, with Knightbridge making amends for any fault with the goal with a marvellous full-length save.

But after 36 minutes, out of the blue, Harrow levelled as a good move ended with Samuel Adenola playing in George Moore in the inside-right channel.

Although his shot lacked venom, Martin Horsell spilled it and Montel Brown was on hand to convert.

The belief drained, almost visibly, from Yate, and Harrow had a great spell up to the interval, taking the lead in the 42nd minute, when Kai Omoko Brosnan picked up the ball on the right byline and spotted Moore free on the left hand edge of the area.

A perfect pass was controlled by Moore, who then curled a lovely right-footed shot into the top corner.

Yate got back on top after the interval and in the 55th minute Jack Stanley arrived unmarked at the far post to head home Zac Drew's deep free-kick.

Ben McLean was close to putting Yate in front when he rifled a shot inches over from the edge of the box, but Harrow were looking shaky, and in the 59th minute, Tyler Ashmead picked up a poor clearance, held off Jaden Sharman, and drove it past Knightbridge.

Boro boss Steve Baker made a double substitution and the switches paid an immediate dividend with a 67th-minute equaliser, as Great Evans laid Isiah Noel-Williams's ball back to Billy Leonard, whose 25-yard drive took a wicked deflection past Horsell.

After a free midweek, Boro host Poole Town on Saturday.

"Harrow Borough have announced a ticket discount for their four home games during the World Cup.

They host Bracknell (November 22), Salisbury (Nov 26), Hartley Wintney (December 7) and Tiverton (Dec 10) and adults can get advanced individual tickets for £10 instead of £12 or a World Cup ticket covering all four for £28, saving £20. A concession ticket for all four games is £15, saving £9, and under-16s will pay just £3, saving £5. See [harrowboroughfc.ktkts.com](http://harrowboroughfc.ktkts.com).