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## MAYNARD seeks home help for Scunthorpe visit



Wealdstone captain Jack Cook celebrates his late winner at York City. Pic: Jon Taffel

# Wealdstone boss wants big crowd to boost bid

WEALDSTONE boss Stuart Maynard hopes another bumper home crowd can roar his side onto victory and help them claim another notable National League scalp this weekend.

In-form Stones host Scunthorpe United on Saturday and the progressive club want fans of Premier League and Football League clubs to come to Grosvenor Vale to get their fix of live football during the World Cup.

With tickets at £10 for season-ticket holders of other clubs and £5 for any under-16, the Wealdstone manager hopes the crowd can get close to the record 2,817 that saw them hold Hollywood-owned Wrexham last time out.

"Let's make sure Wrexham isn't a one-off," said Maynard. "Let's keep breaking records as the more fans that come through the gate, the more money there potentially is in the budget. And

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then we can keep growing as a football club."

The Stones host the Iron at 3pm on Saturday and want to add them to the list of ex-EFL clubs (Barnet, Oldham, Halifax, York City, Southend and Grimsby) they have beaten in the past two seasons.

"They're an ex-league club, they're a huge football club that want success and want to get promoted out this league," said Maynard.

"They've found themselves managerless for the last 10/12 weeks now which can't be easy, but anyone can beat anyone in this league. You can't look at league positions and think that Scunthorpe at home is points on the board, we'll go into it and approach it as if it's Wrexham, as if it's York away.

"We approach every team the same and respect them the same. We're really looking forward to the challenge."

The Stones go into the game on the back of a thrilling come-behind-win over York City on Saturday, a result that left them in 13th place, just four points off the play-offs.

The Stones recovered from conceding a 14th-minute opener to win their first ever meeting with the Minstermen thanks to second-half goals from Miguel Freckleton and Jack Cook, who headed in the winner deep in the injury time, sparking wild scenes in the away end.

"The fans were unbelievable," said defender Charlie Barker.

"We heard them through the whole game. We are happy to give everyone a good journey home, I'm sure it makes the journey a lot better. I could tell by the scenes at the end how much it meant to

everyone."

Barker, who is on loan from Charlton, insists the players won't be getting carried away after a landmark victory at the LNER Community Stadium.

"This game's now out your head and you're looking towards the next one," added Barker.

"You enjoy it, reflect on it and then you see what's happening next week. The boys will adjust it perfectly. We want to keep the form going, we've had a really good three games now, need to keep pushing on and climbing the table."

\*Wealdstone were handed a trip to National League South side Chelmsford City when the draw for the third round of the Isuzu FA Trophy was made on Tuesday.

Ties will be played on December 16-18 and winners will pocket £4,500 in prize money and a place in the last 32.

## Harrow see off Concord in Trophy

### BOROUGH UPSET HOSTS TO SECURE PROGRESS

HARROW Borough reached the third round of the FA Trophy for the first time in 22 years, with an emphatic display in a 4-2 win against Concord Rangers at their Aspect Arena.

The Beach Boys were forced onto the back foot right from the start and Borough had already threatened the home goal before, in the sixth minute, George Moore forced a mistake out of Aron Pollock before taking a couple of touches and then dispatching a shot past Josh Tuansaam to open the scoring.

Seven minutes later Harrow made it 2-0 as Moore hit a shot across the goal that Tuansaam could only parry. Montel Brown almost converted it, before Kai Omoko Brosnan thumped home from close range at the far post. And things got even better for the visitors in the 37th minute when Billy Leonard's pass found Brown inside the area and, as he was about to control the ball, he was felled by Ryan Blackman.

The referee had no hesitation in awarding the penalty and received no protests either before Leonard calmly sent Tuansaam the wrong way to put Borough 3-0 up.

The hosts were given a lifeline in first half stoppage time when a free-kick was awarded on the edge of the Harrow box and Blackman whipped the ball over the wall and beyond Jacob Knightbridge.

And three minutes into the second half it really was game on as Concord scored a second goal when Blackman delivered a free kick to the far post where Harrison Day met it with a clean header for a debut goal. Concord enjoyed a dominant spell of possession but did not trouble the Borough defence and Harrow had the best chances to add to the scoreline in the final quarter of an hour.

Moore put Isiah Noel-Williams in on goal but his shot hit the outside of the near post, then from a very similar position Noel-Williams hit a shot that went agonisingly past the far post. Borough got a fourth goal in the 88th minute, though, when Moore took the ball to a tight angle and hit a powerful cross-shot that the keeper could only help into the back of the net.

The third-round draw, broadcast on TalkSport 2 on Tuesday afternoon, handed Harrow a trip to Southern League rivals Swindon Supermarine on December 16-18.

Harrow: Knightbridge, Bloom (Sharman 80), Biler, Freddie, Ikebuasi, Noel-Williams, Moore, Leonard, Brown (Evans 64), Omoko, Adenola. Unused subs: Bryan, Taylor, Allutey, Assidjo.