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Wealdstone's Jack Cook was named the National League's player of the month for November. Picture: JON TAFFEL

Cook top dog as Stones get set for Boxing Day

JACK Cook has been rewarded for some superb performances by scooping one of the league's top awards.

The Wealdstone skipper was named National League Player of the Month for November, after the defender helped the Stones to clean sheets in the home draw with title-challenging Wrexham as well as the 1-0 win away to Altrincham.

He then capped the month off by scoring the winner in the fourth-minute of stoppage time as the Stones won 2-1 at York City.

Speaking on the club's website, he said: "It's an honour to receive this award [but] it wouldn't have been possible without the team on the pitch with me as well as the coaching staff."

"We gained 10 points from 12 in No-

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ember as well as a record crowd at The Vale, so it shows the progress of the club.

"We are all determined to continue this success into the new year."

He will pick up his trophy prior to kick-off on Boxing Day when Maidenhead United are the visitors, and tickets are still on sale, available online.

One player has left the club on a permanent basis.

Striker Jordy Mongoy had been on a 28-day loan with Northern Premier League Premier Division leaders South Shields and the Mariners have decided paid an undisclosed fee to

make that deal full-time.

Mongoy had joined the Stones in the summer after impressing on trial but only made two appearances for the club and spent most of his time this season away from the Vale.

The 23-year old helped Farnborough to the first round of the FA Cup before heading north.

He played four times at Mariners Park and scored three times.

Speaking on the Shields website, the former Dagenham & Redbridge man says he already feels at home in South Tyneside.

He said: "This was something I wanted to happen from the start, providing everything went well in the loan."

"When you go into a new environment, sometimes it's difficult to gel and

get along with your new team-mates straightaway, but here I felt comfortable from the second day because it's such a good group of people."

"This is a very professional club and everyone here is driven to win promotion, which attracts me a lot."

"We've also got brilliant support from our fans and so many of them spoke to me and welcomed me to the club, which helps to ease your nerves."

Shields manager and Sunderland legend Kevin Phillips said: "As everyone has seen over the last few weeks, he is an exciting talent who is capable of making a real difference for us."

"Since he walked through the door, he has brought a spark to the place, and he is the type of player I think we need when trying to break teams down."

Boxing Day offer at Harrow

HALF-PRICE ENTRY FOR MET POLICE CLASH



Harrow boss Steve Baker. Pic: Gavin Ellis/TGS Photo

HARROW Borough host Met Police in the Southern League Premier South Division on Boxing Day (3pm) and are offering a Christmas present of half price entry to all supporters.

Adult tickets will be just £6, a wide range of concessions £3 and under-16s £1 when purchased in advance via the club's ticketing site, harrowboroughfc.ktckts.com.

As for every home game, under-12s are free when accompanied by an adult. The club are also supporting local homeless charity Firm Foundation by holding a collection for essential winter clothes and toiletries before kick-off and, rather than wearing their red home strip, Harrow will also be playing in their yellow away kit to support Shelter's #NoHomeKit campaign.

James Clouting, the club's Community Outreach Lead said: "The World Cup may be over and the big boys of the Premier League are back, but Boxing Day offers football fans of all ages another great opportunity to support local football on their doorstep at a fraction of the price."

"Parents, if you need a cheap and fun way of getting the kids out the house after the big day, we're here to help!"

"We are proud to be supporting Firm Foundation and Shelter with raising awareness, collecting clothes and toiletries, and raising what we can with a bucket collection."

Items in much need include thermals, thick socks, gloves, hats and men's underwear, as well as deodorant, shower gel, toothbrushes and toothpaste. Any donations can be handed in at the hut just outside the main turnstiles.

For more details see pitchero.com/clubs/harrowborough/news/boxing-day-at-the-boro-2749862.html, harrowboroughfc.ktckts.com, firmfoundation.org.uk and nohomekit.shelter.org.uk.