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Stones agree deal for 'proven' striker

WEALDSTONE have announced the signing of experienced striker Chris Moore from Uxbridge FC. The veteran forward has played at a number of clubs including, Northwood, Dagenham and Redbridge and Brentford. Manager Gordon Bartlett said: "We're delighted he decided to join us. Chris is an experienced striker with a proven goalscoring record and will be a valuable addition to the squad."

Harrow Lions beat Hendon seconds

HARROW RFC LIONS produced an excellent display to overturn Hendon Seconds 24-17. The Lions were deserving winners but the result was marred somewhat by a high shoulder challenge that saw Hendon reduced to 14 men with Tim O'Conner carried off injured.

Five for Osman as Stones stay top

UNBEATEN Wealdstone Ladies romped home to a 14-1 demolition of bottom of the league Chiltern Saints. The win, which saw Natalie Osman score five, puts the Stones top and four points clear of their nearest rivals.

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Turner targeting Rio

BY CHARLIE GIBSON

LAURA TURNER believes she is "worthy" of making another Olympics after suffering the heartbreak of missing the home games in London due to injury.

Turner, who runs the 100m and 200m, missed out on the London Olympics due to a third stress fracture in her foot and she came very close to quitting running.

Turner said: "There was a moment when I thought "that's it" after missing out on the Olympics.

"The only reason I've stayed is due to my massive improvement last winter. To be running around 11.3 in April was unheard of for me, hopefully I can hit those times again and stay injury free."

The Harrow athlete has decided for a change of coach and has left Linford Christie's sprint group to train alongside Britain's fastest woman of all time Montell Douglas and coach Daniel Plummer.

"I am really happy with my winter season," Turner said.

"Now six weeks on, I understand how to technically run a certain way for certain times and it has been brilliant training alongside Montell."

At 30, Turner is starting to see her life outside of being a full-time athlete.

She has become a part-time running coach in schools, which is something she says is satisfying.

Turner still believes she has what it takes to make an impact on the track though, starting with this season.

"My aim this winter is gold in the European indoors. Then the season aim is to get into the World Championship team. I will be running the 100m and 200m this year.

"I definitely want to be at the Commonwealth games in Glasgow and then I will see how my body holds up after that.

"I believe I am worthy of making another Olympics."



Laura Turner wants gold at the European Indoor Athletics Championships. Picture: ACTION IMAGES

Stones go third with narrow win

WEALDSTONE picked up an important 2-1 win against second from bottom Hendon.

The Stones are now third in the Ryman Premier, two points behind leaders Margate with two games in hand.

Captain Wes Parker missed out because of suspension which meant Watford loanee, Aaron Tumwa, started the match at the heart of the defence. The Stones were also delighted to welcome back top goalscorer Richard Jolly after a lay off with an injury.

Lee Chappell opened the scoring early in the second half after a nice passing move with Tom Pett allowed the full-back the chance to drill the ball past the helpless Hendon stopper.

The home team took control of the game and were able to dominate after the goal.

Chris O'Leary was unfortunate not to double the hosts' lead after a ferocious volley crashed against the crossbar.

The Stones made it two late on though when substitute Nathan Webb rifled the ball into the corner of the net, giving the goalkeeper no chance.

The home side switched off and allowed Hendon to score a late consolation, but it was too late and Wealdstone grabbed all three points.

The next game for the Stones is away at Lowestoft Town this weekend.

Harrow Borough picked up a very valuable point away to league leaders Whitehawk in a 0-0 draw.

Manager Dave Anderson has bolstered his squad with two one-month loans - Frankie Merrifield and Emmanuel Akokhia from AFC Wimbledon - and both started against the Hawks.

The pair could not help Boro achieve a win, but the result must go down as a positive one.

Whitehawk thought they had taken the lead after the Boro keeper parried the ball to one of the home side's strikers, but he was adjudged to have been offside and the goal was chalked off.

Boro now face two stern tests at home in the league when they take on East Thurrock and then the Metropolitan Police.

Harrow will hope that they can start winning games and gaining some much needed points to push them up the table.

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