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**STONES** defender completes Cardiff move

## Brown joins professional ranks with the Bluebirds

By Anthony Matthews

CIARON Brown has been given the opportunity to make his name in the professional game after joining Championship side Cardiff City from Wealdstone.

A deal for the versatile 20-year-old defender to join the promotion-cashing Bluebirds was agreed following lengthy negotiations and Brown, who was under contract with Stones, completed his move to the Cardiff City Stadium on Tuesday.

Wealdstone manager Bobby Wilkinson said: "I'd like to wish Ciaron a very successful career; it's a great achievement to become a pro, he's worked very hard and we will always support him and we will follow his progress with great interest."

Stones chairman Peter Marsden added: "I know that Ciaron has worked extremely hard to fulfil his ambition to be a full-time pro footballer and I know all Wealdstone fans will wish him well at Cardiff."

"We look forward to welcoming Ciaron and his new teammates for a pre-season friendly at Grosvenor

Vale at the start of next season."

Brown joined Wealdstone in the summer of 2016 from Bedford Sports and developed rapidly into a strong, versatile defender able to play at centre-half or left-back.

A scorer of three goals in his 66 appearances for Stones, the 20-year-old attracted the interest of a number of Football League clubs and he also had a trial with Sheffield Wednesday.

Following the postponement of Saturday's trip to Havant & Waterlooville due to a waterlogged pitch - rearranged for Tuesday, February 13 - Stones have had more time to prepare for Saturday's FA Trophy second round clash with Hereford at Grosvenor Vale.

Formed in 2014 following the demise of Hereford United, the Bulls are challenging for another promotion and are currently third in the Evo-Stik South Premier table, two points off top spot following Tuesday's 2-1 win at Stratford Town.

Having knocked out Weymouth, Potters Bar Town and Oxford City in the qualifying rounds, Hereford shocked National League Dagenham & Redbridge in the first round of the Trophy, winning 3-2.



Ciaron Brown has joined Championship outfit Cardiff City from Wealdstone.  
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## Banya strike ends Boro's losing run

IT remains to be seen how important Charles Banya's 81st-minute winner against Needham Market will prove come the end of the season, but at full-time on Saturday it felt huge to Harrow Borough after they ended their run of five straight league defeats against another side in the lower reaches of the Bostik Premier Division table with a 3-2 victory.

The three points seemed more significant because having been two goals to the good very early on, Harrow saw Market battle back and at that stage the visitors looked more likely to win until substitute Banya fired in the winner after being set up by Chinua Cole.

The home side had earlier got off to a flyer and were 2-0 up inside seven minutes; going in front when Ryan Moss scored after a cross was deflected back to him, before another George Moore delivery enabled Sahr Kabba to flick home at the near post.

Both sides had opportunities thereafter, but the Marketmen were to halve the deficit in the 61st minute when Jamie Griffiths scored with a fine header following a cross by substitute Jack Simmons.

Harrow's play immediately began to look shaky and it was from a mistake that Needham were to equalise six minutes later; Griffiths scoring his second after David Longe-King's poor clearance was seized upon by the visitors.

Boro boss Steve Baker reacted bravely though, bringing on Banya for Mark McLeod to sharpen his side's attacking edge. And it was a move that was to be rewarded.

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