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## **CLUB** start their search for new manager Wilkinson leaves Stones following play-off defeat

#### **By Simon Mail**

WEALDSTONE are searching for a new manager after parting company with Bobby Wilkinson.

He left the club following their National League South play-off semi-final defeat against Woking. A statement released by the Stones initially claimed his exit was for "non-footballing reasons."

"mon-footballing reasons." The club said: "Whilst the club deeply regrets this outcome, we would like to place on record our thanks for the contribution that Bobby, and his management team, have made during their time at the club.

"Under Bobby's management the club reached the semi-final of the FA Trophy in 2018 and the National League South play-off semi-final this season and we wish Bobby every success in the future."

Wilkinson called for the board to match his ambition for next season after agonisingly missing out on promotion.

But the manager has left the club amid suggestions budget con-

straints were a factor in his exit. Wilkinson guided Wealdstone to

11th place in his first season and led them to seventh in the table during his second year in charge.

The former Hungerford Town boss steered the Stones to a memorable 3-1 play-off eliminator win at Bath City. But their hopes of promotion were ended after losing 3-2 to Woking with the Cards going on to clinch a place in the National League.

However, the Stones have been handed a boost after goalkeeper Jonathan North signed a new oneyear contract.

The shot stopper joined the club from Watford nine years ago and has made more than 450 appearances.

North has been a consistent performer for Wealdstone and kept 17 clean sheets during the 2018/19 campaign.

He has been a key part of the club's success over the last decade, helping the Stones win the Isthmian Premier Division in 2014 and reaching two FA Trophy semifinals.

Wealdstone have also agreed contract extensions for next season with defenders Jake Sheppard and Connor Stevens



Bobby Wilkinson has left Wealdstone after two seasons in charge at Grosvenor

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ETTIENNE LEADS TEAM TO OPENING VICTORY OVER HARROW TOWN

HARROW Cricket Club started the Middlesex County Cricket Division Three season with an 89-run win over Harrow Town on Saturday. Harrow batted first and made an

Harrow batted first and made an impressive start as the side managed a total of 236-6.

Kamran Hussain opened with 24 and Fateh Singh looked sharp as he notched 49.

Ronald Ettienne came in at number five and produced an excellent knock scoring 79 to guide his side towards the target. Nouman Yadgari also contributed 36 as

Harrow built a strong total from 43 overs. Harrow Town struggled to get close to the target in reply and fell short as they were dismissed for 147 in 36.2 overs.

Lendon Lawrence top scored for the team with 43 but 3-40 from Harrow's Saad Malik helped steer his side to victory.

Harrow host Barnes in their next league game on Saturday while Harrow Town face Middlesex Tamil Sports and Social Club.

Harrow Town Seconds eased to a 150run victory over Harrow in their Division Three season opener.

Half-centuries from Amina Hussain (51) and Kishen Rowan (56) led Harrow Town to their total of 230 all out from 44.4 overs.

Harrow could not get close in reply and were easily bowled out for 80 in just 21.1 overs. Talib Malik finished with figures of five for 27.



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