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COTTER and Beckles-Richards join Wealdstone



Wealdstone have added two new players to their squad for the coming National League South season with the additions of Kavan Cotter from Hemel Hempstead Town and Reece Beckles-Richards from Wingate & Finchley. Picture: Dan Finill/DFinill Photography

Borough move fast with deals

HARROW BOROUGH TIE SEVEN TO NEW CONTRACTS



Hafed Al-Droubi signing with director Stuart Hobbs.

HARROW Borough have been quick to sign a number of members of their 2018/19 squad onto contracts for the upcoming season.

The side finished the Southern League Premier Division South season in seventh place and were only seven points away from securing a play-off place.

Signing on are Hafed Al-Droubi, Josh Andrew, Lewis Cole, George Fenton, Jordan Ireland, Frank Keita and Adam Pepera.

At least three more of last season's squad, who were unable to be at the Rogers Family Stadium with their teammates to complete the deals, are expected to put pen to paper in the coming days.

Meanwhile, there has been some success for women's football in the Harrow area recently too.

Headstone Manor Ladies, who were founded in 2007, won their first piece of silverware when they defeated The Comets 2-1 to win the Greater London Womens' League Trophy.

Both goals were scored by Sinead Walsh, who also won the player of the match award.

Manor went 2-0 up in the middle of the first half but were pegged back when Comets scored towards the end of the period.

In the second half both sides went for glory and there were chances at either end, but there were no further goals in the match at Bedfont Sports Club.

Headstone Manor are managed by Paul Sharpe, who works for the Middlesex FA, and captained by Jade Doherty.

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Stones make two additions

WEALDSTONE have completed the signing of Hemel Hempstead Town midfielder Kavan Cotter.

The 20-year-old is the second signing made by new manager Dean Brennan following the departure of Bobby Wilkinson.

Cotter joined the Tudors towards the beginning of the 2018/19 season having had a brief spell with Kings Langley in August 2018, and he has also had professional experience with Luton Town after making his Hatters debut against Gillingham in the EFL Trophy in August 2016.

At youth level, Cotter has represented Arsenal and Queens Park Rangers, where he was loaned out multiple times to Hitchin Town and he also had a temporary period at Oxford City at the end of the 2017/18 season.

On the signing, manager Brennan told the Wealdstone website: "Kavan is a player from the local area who is very technically strong, has excellent stamina and fantastic fitness levels. He's got a really positive attitude and ticks a lot of boxes

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for us."

The club have also completed the signing of striker Reece Beckles-Richards from Bostik League Premier Division outfit Wingate and Finchley.

The 23-year-old joined the Blues in 2016 and made more than 100 appearances for the side, who just about escaped relegation ahead of Whitehawk this season.

Beckles-Richards spent the majority of his youth career at Aldershot Town before making the move to local rivals Woking in 2013.

He has also had experience at international level, playing in a 2018 World Cup qualifier for Antigua and Barbuda against St Lucia in 2015.

Brennan told the Wealdstone website: "Reece is a quality player we have tried to sign over the past couple of years. He is at a good age, works hard, has good movement and knows where the goal is.

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