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## CHAIRMAN wants promotion within three years



Wealdstone chairman Rory Fitzgerald, centre, with the club's new manager Dean Brennan, left, as he signs his contract.

## Town stay bottom of division

**FURTHER LOSS KEEPS TOWN AT THE FOOT OF THE TABLE**



HARROW Town remain bottom of the Middlesex Cricket League Division Three after losing by two wickets away at North London.

Town were put into bat first and were 35 for two when top scorer Gishan Herath (98) entered the crease following the quick-fire dismissals of Arun Ayyavooruja (11) and Asim Mohammed (24).

Herath's third-wicket partnership of 48 with Sanjay Mishra (21) took Town up to 105, one more than they managed in the whole of their innings the previous week against Wembley.

Another good partnership of 47 from Herath and Munaf Khan (7) saw Town close in on 200 and they surpassed that point before their top scorer was dismissed at 203 for nine.

Kamran Mian and Imran Khan added just another three between them before Mian was caught by Steven Conway.

Will Lake (49) and Tom Wakeford (59 not out) did most of the damage for North London as they fought back - Wakeford's seventh-wicket pairing with Orban Holdgate (19) the best of the bunch.

Sanjay Mishra took three wickets for 52 runs to hold the hosts back as much as possible, but they reached 207 for eight to win.

Meanwhile, Harrow put distance between themselves and the foot of the table by drawing at home to previous leaders Uxbridge.

Hashim Hussain top-scored with 49 for the hosts, with Nathan Fernandes (39), David Morris (36) and Ronald Etienne (30) also providing a good number of runs to Harrow's eventual score of 200 all out.

Tushant Richie Sharma's half-century (63) provided a good starting base for Uxbridge's hunt, but Aman Quadri (12), Reiss Walker (40) and Oliver Finerty (10) were the only others to exceed double figures on their way to 157 with two wickets remaining.

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## Big ambition for Stones

WEALDSTONE chairman Rory Fitzgerald wants the club to be playing in the National League within three years.

The Stones secured a play-off spot in National League South last season and were 3-1 victors in the eliminator away at Bath City, but came unstuck in the semi-final and went out after a 3-2 loss against Woking.

However, Fitzgerald believes that the club can bounce back from that disappointment and has set a target of three years to climb out of the division.

In an interview posted on the club's YouTube channel, he said: "We want the club to be playing at the next level and we have to get that balance right from it being sustainable and wanting to be ambitious.

"The objectives we've set Dean (Brennan) is that we want to be in the National League in the next three years. Ideally we'd like it to be next year but we're realistic. There is a fair bit of change that has happened this year and with that change it might take a little bit longer.

By Nat Goodlad

"The aim, though, is to be up and around the play-offs next year and hopefully we'll achieve that with the squad we've got. If we achieve that then fantastic. We don't want to put Dean under too much pressure."

The National League is a level of football that Wealdstone haven't played at since 1988, so ambitions of returning to the fifth tier are likely to be well received by fans, but Brennan says any attempts to do that will be done in the right way.

He said: "I've been successful in my business life and I want the club to be successful. I guess some people want it more than others and some might want to do it at all costs. I'm not prepared to do that. While I'm involved it will be done in the right way.

"We'll spend what we can afford to spend and look to get good people in around the club."

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