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WEALDSTONE to host Dartford on opening day



Wealdstone will start their National League South campaign at home to Dartford in Dean Brennan's first season in charge.

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Defeats again for sides

TOWN AND HARROW REMAIN DIVISION'S BOTTOM TEAMS



HARROW'S struggles in the Middlesex County Cricket League Division Three continued as they narrowly lost by four wickets against leaders Wembley.

Opener Moazzam Rizvi top-scored for Wembley with 83 while he and Dhaval Norotomo (46) proved to be the most valuable pairing as they put on a combined 76 for the fourth wicket.

Harrow's Ronald Etienne put on the best display with the ball, taking five wickets for 73 runs while Muhammad Wali also took three (3-31), which kept the home side's score down to 199.

The visitors made a steady start with their response and were 70 for three when the top order's highest scorer, David Morris (28), was dismissed through Vrushank Dalal (3-34).

A solid seventh-wicket partnership from Syan Bulathinhala (46) and Etienne (77) saw them post 60 together as Harrow closed in, but Sadam Zabith and Saad Malik were out with just one run between them, leaving it up to Etienne and Jaffer Ahmed to win the game.

Etienne though, fell victim to Chirag Amin's (3-15) ball, leaving Harrow four runs short at the close of play.

Meanwhile, Harrow Town remain bottom after a five-wicket defeat at home to Acton.

Aravinth Nagarajan put on 29 as Town opened, lasting until the fifth wicket Alex Brennan's (2-35) delivery dismissed him.

Kamran Mian (4-28) was key with the ball for Town, taking four for 28, but it wasn't enough to prevent Acton from exceeding the target with five wickets remaining.

Stones start at home

DEAN Brennan's first National League South season in charge at Wealdstone will start at home with the visit of Dartford.

The new boss, who replaced Bobby Wilkinson earlier in the summer, will get the first chance to see his side in competitive action on Saturday, August 3.

The Stones will hit the road for the first time three days later when they visit Dulwich Hamlet on Tuesday, August 6 and then again on the following Saturday when Braintree Town are the hosts.

Also in the opening month, Brennan's side will make the short trip to Hemel Hempstead Town on August 17 and their away game at St Albans City will be on September 3.

The Christmas period starts with a home match against Welling United on December 21 before visiting Slough Town on Boxing Day and returning home three days later to host St Albans.

Slough Town will be the visitors to Grosvenor Vale on New Year's Day while January will also see home matches

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against Chelmsford City and Bath City among trips to Oxford City and Havant & Waterlooville.

Braintree, one of the sides relegated from the National League in 2018/19, will make their trip to the Vale on March 21, with Stones having already played host to Dulwich Hamlet and visited Chippenham Town. Brennan and his side will also play Concord Rangers away from home in that month.

The closing month of April will start with a home match against Hampton & Richmond on April 4 following by trips to Hungerford Town and Maidstone United either side of the home match against Weymouth.

Finally, the season ends on April 25 with the home fixture against Hemel Hempstead, closing the regular campaign against one of the more local sides in the division.

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