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## SUCCESS in final pre-season match for Wealdstone



Wealdstone won their final match of pre-season 2-0 against Brentford B prior to the start of the new National League South campaign.

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## O'Connor brace helps Borough

PRE-SEASON BACK ON TRACK WITH POTTERS BAR VICTORY



Harrow Borough beat Potters Bar

HARROW Borough recorded an entertaining 4-3 victory over Potters Bar Town in a pre-season friendly on Tuesday night.

George Fenton and Adam Pepera gave Borough an early advantage, while a brace from Ant O'Connor ensured a late fightback from Potters Bar was in vain.

It took only four minutes for Fenton to break the deadlock, racing through despite claims of offside to make it 1-0.

The hosts extended their lead six minutes later when Potters Bar conceded a silly free-kick, and Pepera was there to convert from the delivery to put Borough firmly in control during the early stages.

Shortly after though, a mistake in the Borough defence allowed Potters Bar to pull one back, and the finish was eventually provided by Yiannis Constantinou.

The goals kept coming and by the half-hour mark, Harrow restored their two-goal advantage when a cross from the wing was met by O'Connor, and he easily headed in.

O'Connor completed his brace within a minute of the restart after half-time, seizing on a poor back pass to round the goalkeeper and make it four for Borough.

James Budden pulled one back for the visitors in the 83rd minute, heading in at the far post from a deep free-kick.

And it was a nervy finish for the home side when Bar made it 4-3 after a stunning effort from Ryan Young. He cut inside from the wing and planted an effort into the top corner of the net.

It was just about too little too late, however, and Borough held on to record the win.

## Stones set for season opener

By Nat Goodlad

WEALDSTONE recorded a 2-0 success at home to Brentford B on Saturday in their final pre-season friendly before the National League South campaign begins.

Ross Lafayette scored both goals for the Stones, putting them in a positive frame of mind before the season opener at home to Dartford on Saturday.

After two Danny Green efforts were dealt with early on, Lafayette broke the deadlock in the 32nd minute when Green played the striker in down the right for him to finish past Jake Shepperd.

Wealdstone continued to create the better chances after the break and came closest through Billy Clifford when he had the ball flicked into his path by Lafayette, but substitute keeper Simon Andersson did well to deny him.

The Stones' domination finally paid dividends in the 84th minute when they scored a second. Dennon Lewis beat his man down the left and played a perfect square ball inside to Lafayette, and he coolly finished to make it a comfortable win.

There have also been a number of new faces joining the Stones' squad recently.

The newest of the additions is Michael Phillips, who signs after being awarded Maidstone United's player of the season accolade during their National League campaign last season.

Midfielder Phillips began his career at the Crystal Palace academy and was the top scorer for their Under-18 side in the 2014/15 campaign, but he never made a senior appearance for the Eagles.

Also joining the squad is midfielder Matty Saunders, who became the club's 14th signing of the summer last Friday.

After coming through the ranks at Fulham, Saunders has gone on to represent Lincoln City, Dagenham & Redbridge, Whitehawk, Dover Athletic, Hemel Hempstead Town and Aldershot Town.

Saunders has already made six appearances for the side in pre-season.

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