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KEEPER to be honoured after ten years at Stones



Goalkeeper Jonathan North to get a testimonial after his time at Wealdstone

Picture: Alan Palmer

Borough and Ruislip team up

TWO SIDES CREATE NEW YOUTH TEAM ARRANGEMENT



Harrow Borough FC crest

Picture: Harrow Borough FC

HARROW Borough FC and Ruislip Rangers FC have announced a joint partnership for the 2021/22 season to try and help players progress into senior football.

As part of the agreement the clubs will form a new Under 23s side which they hope will create a natural pathway for the Ruislip youth players looking to break into senior football.

Youth tournaments and selected games will also be held at Harrow's ground, The Rogers Family Stadium, for all involved in the Ruislip Rangers youth set up over the season.

The agreement will begin on Wednesday, July 21, launching at Harrow's home pre-season friendly fixture against Queen's Park Rangers with Ruislip providing the ball boys and mascots.

Harrow Borough chair Peter Rogers said: "At Harrow we've been aware for some time that our community links would be strengthened if we could better tie up with the local junior and recreational football scene.

"This link gives us that opportunity, while giving our new friends at Ruislip Rangers both a means of progressing their young players who show promise, and also a hub for events and socialisation."

Borough first team manager Steve Baker added: "The success of Raheem Sterling and Bukayo Saka in England's Euro 2020 side has underlined what fabulous talent can be found at youth football level in Middlesex and West London. My philosophy as a manager has already been 'if you're good enough, you're old enough' and if our link-up can help set other local children on the pathway to successful careers in football, it will be truly worthwhile."

North to get testimonial

By Ryan Gray

WEALDSTONE are to honour former goalkeeper Jonathan North with a testimonial next month at Grosvenor Vale.

North left the club at the start of 2020 after providing a decade of service to Stones, but was unable to have the game sooner due to the Covid-19 pandemic.

The match will be played between a Wealdstone XI and a Watford XI, with North joining Stones from the Premier League club back in 2010.

He went on to make 393 appearances in total for the club and was part of the side that gained promotion from the Isthmian League to the National League South.

He also won the Jock Law Trophy for Supporter's Player of the Season three times during his time with the club.

North currently plays for Slough Town following his departure, but is nonetheless looking forward to playing one more time for Wealdstone in the special fixture.

He told the Stones website it was a chance to say a proper goodbye to the club and an "excellent" occasion.

"I am delighted and honoured that the

club are giving me a testimonial," said North.

"I have so many good memories from my ten years at Wealdstone and hopefully this can be another one to add to that list.

"This wouldn't have been possible without all the players that I've played with and staff I have played under and all the fans who have supported me throughout.

"This will hopefully be a special day and a chance to say a proper goodbye to everyone who has helped me along the way.

"Can't wait to see some familiar faces again and hopefully be a day to reminisce about the good days and look forward to future as well for the club.

"I hope to see you all down there on what will be an excellent day."

The match will take place at Grosvenor Vale on Sunday, August 8 at 1pm.



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