

SPORT

Read the latest sports news at harrowtimes.co.uk/sport

FOOTBALL Wealdstone end-pre season unbeaten



Umerah scores against Hungerford

Photo: Jon Taffel

Pre-season win for Harrow

EMPHATIC VICTORY OVER MORE SENIOR TEAM



Harrow take on Ruislip in a pre-season friendly

HARROW beat a team a league higher than them in the shape of Ruislip in their first pre-season match 38-10. Fielding experienced players, new signings and former youth players, coach Mark Chapman's side found themselves five points down early in the game.

It was only after a talking to from team captain James Taffs that Harrow scored their first try and then began to assert an advantage.

Harrow's confidence grew as points began to mount up, with Ruislip fighting back, but unable to score a try.

Chapman made more changes at half-time and during the second half, but maintained a more than convincing lead.

Scoring slowed, but Harrow's defence held out until the last few moments of the game when Ruislip scored a consolation try to take the final score to Ruislip 10 Harrow 38.

There were strong performances from all over the pitch, with Harrow showing their determination not to be beaten by a more senior team. Semi Tokadauua was named player of the match.

Harrow are looking to make this a great season and have a full set of fixtures for both the first and second teams and plans to get a vets team out as well.

They have already had several new players joining them and are appealing for new members. Players of all ages and abilities can visit www.pitchero.com/clubs/harrow/contact for information.

Stones boss looks forward

WEALDSTONE manager Stuart Maynard maintained that "pre-season means nothing" even after finishing unbeaten with a 3-1 win at home against Hungerford on Saturday.

Two goals from Josh Umerah and one from Dennon Lewis put the Stones 3-0 up at the break, with only a goal on the rebound from Jake Evans for the visitors.

Wealdstone begin their 2021/22 National League season at home to Woking on Saturday, with a 3pm kick off.

Assessing his side's chances after Saturday, Maynard said: "I think we're ready if you look at the fitness and the sharpness. The first 45 minutes were outstanding."

He acknowledged the need for one or two more players in the squad and emphasised the club was scouting for "quality", adding: "We've got to make sure now that we sign the right players for the way we are playing."

And he hinted that the coming season will be tougher, adding: "Pre-season means nothing. There's nothing at stake.

By Robert Collins

But come Saturday against Woking that's when the real business starts for us now."

He praised his team's confidence and work ethic in pre-season, adding: "We want to make sure we are going into the season with momentum, and we are going in there now. Winning is a habit.

He admitted that Woking's side this week would be a "totally different" proposition to the team the Stones beat in May.

Maynard expects Alan Dowson's bolstered team - now full-time - to be physical and hard to play against, especially after restarts.

And he added that with fans back in stadiums, he wants supporters to be a 12th man in the coming season.

He added: "We want to make sure that this place is a fortress. We've got to be so hostile. We want to make sure that the place literally is jumping and rocking and that they are as loud as they can be."



HERTFORDSHIRE

Living

MAGAZINE

SUBSCRIBE
FOR FREE

www.living-magazines.co.uk

Life·Style·Living

HARROW
TIMES

The Harrow Times is published by Newsquest (London) Ltd, Observer House, Caxton Court, Caxton Way, Watford, Herts WD18 8RJ part of the Newsquest Media Group Ltd, Loudwater Mill, Station Road, High Wycombe, Buckinghamshire HP10 9TY, a Gannett Company. Printed by Newsquest Oxfordshire, Osney Mead, Oxford OX2 0EJ.

Newspaper Support Recycling - The recycled paper content of UK newspapers in 2019 was 63.2%.