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## WEALDSTONE beaten in their season opener



Max Kretzschmar scores his second for Woking as they won 2-1 at Wealdstone

Picture: Jon Taffel

## Borough lose at Salisbury

**HARROW DEFEATED ON LEAGUE OPENING DAY**



Harrow boss Steve Baker

HARROW returned pointless from their trip to Wiltshire at the weekend as they were beaten 2-1 by Salisbury on their opening week of the season. Imran Uche opened the scoring for the visitors with a wonderstrike inside the first ten minutes, but the hosts went on to turn the game on its head through goals from Charlie Davis and Yemi Odubade.

Borough who went in front after just seven minutes with a world class finish from Uche, who latched onto Marc Charles-Smith's pass before looking up to hammer an unstoppable left-foot howitzer past a flailing Marcus Beauchamp from 25 yards.

The hosts levelled after 40 minutes when Shaun Preddie, having lost possession, tried to get it back and tripped Diaz with a fairly desperate tackle that resulted in the third penalty in three games that Harrow have conceded.

Borough's luck in not conceding from these spot-kicks came to an end as Davis put the penalty away despite Damian Las getting a glove to it.

In the 64th minute, the turnaround was complete, when Odubade broke clear of Ahmet Biler, cut inside, and hit a low shot across Las and in off the far post that put the hosts in front, where they would stay for the rest of the game.

They even threatened to go further ahead as Darren Mullings shot wide at the near post from a delivery from Josh Sommerton.

Sam Ashton went past George Moore to bring a good save from Las, who was then in action again to keep out Antonio Diaz.

Harrow threatened twice late on with two Moore efforts, but it was not to be and Salisbury held on for the three points.

# Stones lose to Woking

By Ryan Gray

MAX Kretzschmar scored twice as Woking claimed a 2-1 opening-day win at Wealdstone in the Vanarama National League.

Woking were in cruise control after Kretzschmar scored twice in four minutes midway through the first half.

The former Wycombe striker headed home Inih Effiong's 20th-minute cross to give the Cardinals the lead.

Kretzschmar soon doubled Woking's advantage by heading Kyran Lofthouse's cross into the bottom corner of George Wickens' net.

Josh Umerah reduced the arrears with a 69th-minute header, but Wealdstone could not find an equaliser despite applying fierce late pressure.

After the match, Stones manager Stuart Maynard said he was frustrated to see his side undone by something they had been expecting, but that there were positives to take from the second half performance.

"It's frustrating in the first half because their two goals have come from

Max Kretzschmar running into the box, which is something we'd worked on in the week and they're the finer details at this level," he told the club YouTube channel. "If you switch off in this league, you get punished and that's what happened.

"We needed to score a little bit earlier in the second half but overall I'm pleased with the performance. I said to the lads at half time, that's not us. All pre-season we've move the ball well, we've worked teams into the ground and we looked nervous.

"The fans are back, whether it was that, we've got a young team, but we take the positives from the second half.

"We said to them for the second half, cross the ball a bit more and ask questions of them.

"There were a lot of good performances and the lads have just got to believe in the process."



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