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VALIANT Borough taste FA Cup defeat at Pompey



Harrow Borough were knocked out of the FA Cup by League One Portsmouth at the weekend

Picture: Harrow Borough FC

Three changes for Stones

TWO LEAVE WHILE ONE JOINS WEALDSTONE



Dennon Lewis

Picture: Jon Taffel

DENNON Lewis has left Wealdstone, and joined Boreham Wood for an undisclosed fee, as the club announce three changes.

Lewis' departure is arguably the most high profile of the three changes, with the player an integral part of their 2019/20 promotion season.

His performances during that campaign, he was included in the National League South Team of the Season and was also named both Fans Player of the Season and Junior Stones Player of the Season.

A statement on the club website reads: "We thank Dennon for his services to the club, particularly in the memories he has helped create in both our National League South title winning season and in our return to the top-level of non-league football in the National League.

"Dennon leaves Grosvenor Vale with all our best wishes for the future."

Lewis is not the only player to be on his way out, with striker Craig Fasanmade joining Hemel Hempstead on loan.

Fasanmade became Stuart Maynard's first summer signing after a successful loan spell with the Stones last season from Hungerford Town.

He scored in the 5-1 win over Barnet and made four appearances, before making nine appearances so far this season.

Going the other way, 24-year old former Bolton Wanderers left winger Jamie Mascoll has joined the club.

Mascoll began his career with his local side Dulwich Hamlet, making his debut aged just 17.

"He brings to us Football League experience and will bring greater competition for places in the squad," Maynard told the club website.

Harrow's cup run ends

By Ryan Gray

THERE were tears of pride as Harrow's players and supporters gathered together at the Milton Road end of Fratton Park at just before 5pm on Saturday, in a mutual show of appreciation in the club, its team and its fans, after an afternoon in which the 2021 FA Cup run came to an end.

Harrow went down to a team four tiers above them in the football pyramid by the narrowest of margins, with Marcus Harness' strike enough to separate the two sides in the end, fully competitive right to the end of the game.

Just shy of 500 fans made the journey from South Harrow, but the shock was not forthcoming as Portsmouth made the telling breakthrough in the 28th minute.

Borough had left space on their left flank as Portsmouth attacked and Mahlon Romeo was able to pick out Harness with his cut-back and he guided the ball into the net past Josh Strizovic, who conceded for the first time in 437 minutes of action.

Things might have been different for Harrow had a stroke of misfortune not

gone against them as Gavin Bazunu handled outside the area to thwart a rare attack from the visitors.

However, neither referee Mr Tallis, nor his assistant who was on the nearby touchline, spotted the infringement, so Harrow didn't get a free-kick and there was to be no sanction for the Republic of Ireland international.

As the game moved into stoppage-time, for all their possession, Portsmouth still led by just the one goal, and it was to the credit of the men in red that the hosts saw out some of those five minutes by taking the ball to the corner flag.

The run may be over, but it will have raised some vital funds for the club, which will be so important given how they have suffered through the pandemic.

Borough were subsequently brought back down to Earth with a thud on Tuesday, losing 4-1 to Hampton & Richmond.

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