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## WEALDSTONE welcome back winger to the Vale



Jay Bird has returned to MK Dons after his loan spell at Wealdstone

Picture: Jon Taffel

# Gondoh returns while Bird's loan finishes

WEALDSTONE have been boosted by the return of winger Ryan Gondoh, after he was released by National League South side Hampton & Richmond Borough.

He has been brought back into the fold at Grosvenor Vale where he played for the second half of last season.

His return was announced via a statement on the Stones website that reads: "We're delighted to announce the return of winger Ryan Gondoh following his release by National League South club Hampton & Richmond Borough.

Gondoh spent the latter half of last season with the Stones in

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the National League after signing from Whyteleafe and scored four times in 14 appearances for Stuart Maynard's side.

He has played 17 times for the Beavers this term where he's scored three times and has Football League experience from his time at both Barnet and Colchester United.

Ryan will go straight into Sunday's side to face Maidenhead United and we look forward to once again seeing him play in a Wealdstone shirt."

Elsewhere, Stones have lost

striker Jay Bird, who has returned to parent club MK Dons, with his temporary deal running its course.

Stones confirmed his departure, saying: "Attacker Jay Bird has returned to parent club Milton Keynes Dons following the completion of his loan spell.

"The 21-year old forward made 10 appearances during his stay with the Stones, scoring once in the FA Cup defeat to Dagenham & Redbridge.

"He was thrown straight back into the action for the Dons, playing in their 1-0 defeat to Charlton Athletic last night in the Papa John's Trophy.

"We thank Jay for his efforts

at the club and wish him all the best as he returns to MK Dons in League One."

Stone will also be without winger David Sesay, who has been called up for Sierra Leone's Africa Cup of Nations squad.

The tournament, which is taking place in Cameroon, begins on January 9.

Sesay's nation are due to face Algeria, Ivory Coast and Equatorial Guinea in the group stages, meaning he will be unavailable at least until the end of the month, but possibly longer if Sierra Leone progress into the knockout phase of the competition.

## Borough lose to Casuals

HARROW'S POOR WINTER RUN CONTINUES AT WALTON



James Ewinton

Picture: Harrow Borough FC

HARROW Borough started 2022 with a 2-1 defeat at the hands of Walton Casuals.

Borough began badly, with Shaun Preddie nearly heading past his own keeper in the opening minutes, while John Gilbert forced Lovre Drazic into a save, before the hosts took the lead in the 10th minute.

It was a shocking goal from a Harrow point of view, with Preddie's back-pass underhit, Drazic raced off his line, but was closed down fast by Adam Liddle, who blocked the keeper's attempted clearance, sending the ball straight into the net.

Borough rode their luck, but saw the half out without conceding a second.

They rejigged at half-time, with Marc Charles-Smith replacing Anthony O'Connor, and looked a much better side.

Charles-Smith and George Moore won successive headers to send James Ewinton in on goal, but he was stopped by a fine one-handed save from Jacob Adams.

The improvement in standards resulted in Borough finding an equaliser in the 66th minute.

Kunle Otudeko's superb pass gave Michael Bryan the opportunity to send Ewinton in on goal, and this time he calmly finished past Adams for his 15th league goal of the season.

The game now was end-to-end and Preddie had to make a brave full-length dive to head clear a dangerous cross, while good work from a busy Moore led to Samuel Adenola having a fierce drive blocked.

However, Harrow's hard work was scrubbed out in the 84th minute, when Liddle drew a challenge from behind in the penalty area from Leo Donnellan. It was a cheap penalty but not one that could be argued about, and Gilbert sent Drazic the wrong way from the spot.

Harrow tried to level again through Moore, but the game had gone.