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## WEALDSTONE bow out with back-to-back wins



Celbration - Stuart Maynard with the Wealdstone supporters at the end of the match

Photo: Jon Taffel

# Stones finish season with win at Aldershot

WEALDSTONE finished their Vanarama National League campaign with two successive victories thanks to a 3-1 win over Aldershot at the EBB Stadium.

Both sides had little to play for coming into the game but it was the visitors who hit the front in the 14th minute when Connor McAvoy rose highest from an Aaron Henry corner to nod them in front.

The Shots equalised just before the half-hour mark with a superb solo effort from Jayden Harris as he had the beating of several Wealdstone players before coolly slotting home to bring his side level.

By RYAN GRAY

The visitors regained their advantage with 69 minutes on the clock when Charles Clayden's low cross found Josh Umerah, who spun and finished into the bottom corner for his 17th goal of the campaign.

Wealdstone sealed all three points with a third in stoppage time when Ira Jackson Jr placed it into the net from a Charlie Cooper pass.

Speaking after the match, Wealdstone manager Stuart Maynard told the club YouTube channel that credit for this

season's 16th place finish has to go to the fans and said that they will be needed "more than ever" next season.

"From the start of the season, the aim was to stay up," said Maynard. "We've said it before and I'll say it again, even though we've finished 16th, which is an incredible achievement for us as a part time club, to finish in the league position we did, the credit has to go to our fans.

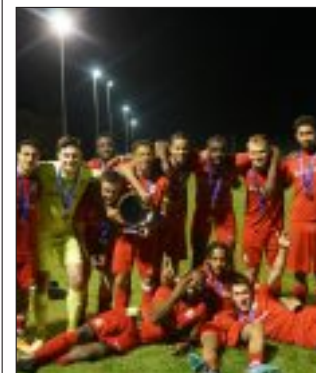
"Home and away this season, they've been absolutely outstanding. Today, over in the far corner, they didn't stop singing from minute one, all the way to the end and then the scenes

at the end, that's what it's all about. And I'm glad that we've been able to give them those types of memories this season because the first season in the National League, they didn't get an opportunity to go see the big games and go to the games with crowds in and actually people now appreciate what a following we've got as a club.

"We're going to need them more than ever next season. We've got to try and make sure now that we actually fill the Vale and that there's about two and a half, or three thousand people in there every week, because I think the boys deserve it."

## Borough U23s claim silverware

HARROW win Suburban League Plate after beating Merstham



Winners - Harrow Borough with the plate  
 Photo: Harrow Borough FC

HARROW Borough's Under 23 team secured silverware in their first season with a 1-0 win over Merstham in the Suburban League Plate final on the evening of May 10.

The winning goal was scored by Leandro Jardim from Flynn Duncan's free kick with half an hour remaining. The striker also picked up the team's Golden Boot and Player's Player awards at the club's end of season presentations held on Friday, May 6.

The team, set up in partnership with Ruislip Rangers FC, also narrowly missed out on the Suburban League Central Division title on the last day of the season.

In his post-match interview manager Godfrey Torto said: "I'm so happy for the players, they deserve it. With the season we've had, the way we started and getting so close to winning the league, I really wanted the lads to feel what it's like to win something. I'm buzzing that we won and it's great for the club to win some silverware."

Captain Keegan Bloom, who won the management's player of the season award, added: "I'm absolutely buzzing for the boys. We've worked so hard during the season and were unfortunate to miss out on the league. The management have been brilliant in helping us at every opportunity and the boys deserve this."

The trophy tops off a brilliant first campaign for Harrow's youngsters, which has also seen goalkeeper Lovre Drazi offered trials with Bournemouth and Sheffield Wednesday, while winger Cassius Joseph has also been invited for trial with the Cherries.