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PREPARATION continues after season finishes



Wealdstone praised Ira Jackson's community work during his season with the club

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Stones announce six first team departures

WEALDSTONE have confirmed the departure of six first team players, as they continue their off-season preparations.

Dan Wishart, Andrew Eleftheriou, Alfie Marigliani, Ira Jackson, Charlie Cooper and Jamie Mascoll have all departed the club, after helping them to secure their position in the National League.

Stones finished 16th in the division during a steady campaign in which relegation rarely looked like a distinct possibility due to consistently steady performances.

The departures were confirmed via the Wealdstone website, with a statement that reads:

By Ryan Gray

"Wealdstone can announce that six players will depart the club following the end of their contracts at Grosvenor Vale.

"Leaving are Dan Wishart, Andrew Eleftheriou, Alfie Marigliani, Ira Jackson, Charlie Cooper and Jamie Mascoll.

"All six players leave with our sincerest best wishes and we thank them all for their service this season. They have all played a part in helping the Stones reach our highest league finish in 35 years."

All of the players joined ei-

ther before the start of the recently-concluded season, or during it, and will now have to look for other clubs following the expiration of their Stones contracts.

Wishart joined in the summer and made 21 appearances, although he also spent time out on loan at Hemel Hempstead Town.

Eleftheriou arrived in the summer from Dagenham & Redbridge but only made 11 appearances, with an injury hampering his progress.

Goalkeeper Marigliani rarely had the opportunity to play, as he provided backup to George Wickens, while Cooper and

Mascoll made 37 and 18 appearances respectively.

Of the six departing players, the club singled out Jackson for individual praise, due to his work in the community, as well as his four goals from 25 games.

In the statement announcing the players' departures, Wealdstone said: "The club would like to place on record our sincerest thanks to Ira for his tireless work in delivering our community schemes in local schools. He has been incredibly popular with the students, their teachers and everybody at the club and is a credit to himself in how he represents our club in our community."

Wilkinson reaches landmark

COACH CELEBRATES DECADE WITH HARROW BOROUGH



Darron Wilkinson

Picture: Harrow Borough FC

HARROW Borough have celebrated coach Darron Wilkinson's tenth anniversary at the club.

Wilkinson joined under former manager Dave Anderson, but has continued to make an important contribution under current boss Steve Baker as well.

He told the club website that his time with Borough has been "a bit of a rollercoaster".

"I've fully enjoyed my time here and can't believe it's been ten years," he said. "It's been a bit of a rollercoaster. My time here started under Dave along with Jason Goodliffe, who I've both known for years, so when I got the call to ask if I wanted to come, it was something I was really interested in.

"I worked with Dave for three years until he moved on and when Steve, who I also knew from my Hayes days, got the job he wanted me to stay. Any of the other candidates would have probably brought in their own staff, so that worked out really well."

Comparing the two bosses he has worked with at Harrow, Wilkinson said that Baker was the calmer of the two men before saying he expected big things to come from his current manager.

"In terms of Dave and Steve, there's has been bit of a contrast," he said. "Dave didn't hold back and would tell you what he thought. You certainly knew where you stood with him, whereas Steve is a bit calmer and methodical.

"I think Steve is improving as a manager every year and has a massive future in football."