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Wealdstone boss Stuart Maynard. Image: Gavin Ellis/TGS Photo

Wealdstone welcome York on opening day

WEALDSTONE will begin the 2023-24 National League season a home game against York City on August 5.

Fixtures were released on Wednesday, with Stones visiting Eastleigh on August 12 and Bromley in midweek.

Stuart Maynard's men welcome Dagenham & Redbridge to Grosvenor Vale on August Bank Holiday Monday, then host Barnet on November 25.

They visit Daggers on December 16, host Hartlepool a week later and then visit Maidenhead on Boxing Day and welcome the Magpies in a January 1 return.

Their trip to Barnet is scheduled for February 3 and Good Friday sees Stones travel to Oxford City.

They welcome Solihull Moors on Easter Monday, then visit Boreham Wood (April 6), host Chesterfield (April 13) and travel to Oldham athletic (April 20) to complete their campaign.

They start their pre-season campaign

at Rayners Lane on Saturday (July 8), then host MK Dons on Tuesday (July 11, 7.45pm).

They will also visit Farnborough (July 15) and Bedford Town (July 22, 1pm), while also hosting Charlton (July 22, 3pm), Wycombe Wanderers (July 25) and hosting Nottingham Forest U23s (July 29).

Defender Charlie Barker completed a permanent move from Charlton Athletic late last week on a one-year deal, having been on loan at Grosvenor Vale in 2021 and 2022, making a total of 33 appearances.

And Max Kretzschmar also committed his future to the club, having impressed last season when not sidelined by hamstring issues, netting six times.

"When I was fit last season I thought we won a lot of games and had a better points-to-game ratio when I was playing," he told the club website.

"I'm confident I can play more games

and have a really good season.

"It's such a good environment to play in. It suits my style of play and I hope we can push on this season.

"There's a bit of a void in the league with the two big clubs [Wrexham and Notts County] going up last season. I don't want to put too much pressure on us but we're really excited about what we're going to do.

"You'd be lucky to keep seven or eight players from one season to another so to have 15 or 16 is going to be massive.

"We know how each other play so we don't have to go through that and adapt to that.

"As much as we may not have to work on that as we and do some more individual work and put right what went wrong last season."

Wealdstone fixtures (home in capitals): Aug 5 YORK CITY; Aug 12 Eastleigh; Aug 15 Bromley; Aug 19 AFC

FYLDE; Aug 26 Aldershot; Aug 28 DAGENHAM & RED; Sep 2 Hartlepool; Sep 9 EBBSFLEET; Sep 16 ALTRINCHAM; Sep 19 Dorking; Sep 23 Chesterfield; Sep 26 WOKING; Sep 30 OLDHAM; Oct 3 Gateshead; Oct 7 Kidderminster; Oct 21 BOREHAM WOOD; Oct 24 OXFORD CITY; Oct 28 Solihull Moors; Nov 11 ROCHDALE; Nov 18 FC Halifax Town; Nov 21 Southend; Nov 25 BARNET; Dec 2 ALDERSHOT; Dec 16 Dagenham & Red; Dec 23 HARTLEPOOL; Dec 26 Maidenhead; Jan 1 MAIDENHEAD; Jan 6 Ebbfleet; Jan 20 Rochdale; Jan 23 SOUTHEND; Jan 27 FC HALIFAX TOWN; Feb 3 Barnet; Feb 10 Altrincham; Feb 17 GATESHEAD; Feb 20 DORKING; Feb 24 Woking; Mar 2 York City; Mar 9 EASTLEIGH; Mar 12 BROMLEY; Mar 16 AFC Fylde; Mar 23 KIDDERMINSTER; Mar 29 Oxford City; Apr 1 SOLIHULL MOORS; Apr 6 Boreham Wood; Apr 13 CHESTERFIELD; Apr 20 Oldham.

*All fixtures subject to change.

Borough to begin pre-season

HARROW Borough begin their pre-season campaign with a trip to Haringey Borough on Saturday (3pm).

And Jordan Berry's side will also visit Ware on Tuesday (July 11, 7.45pm) having confirmed the departure of three players this week.

Billy Leonard, Kai Brosnan and Montel Brown have all left the club, but will continue to ply their trade in the Southern League.

Leonard and Brosnan have joined Premier Division South rivals Hendon, having netted 12 and 11 goals respectively in all competitions last season.

Brown, meanwhile, will be lining up for Premier Central outfit Stotfold, having found the net six times for Harrow in 2022-23.

Borough's other pre-season friendly fixtures see them travel to Thame United (July 15), North Greenford (July 18) and Billericay Town (July 22), before home meetings with Northwood (July 25) and Barton Rovers (July 29).

Berry said: "I'm really happy with our pre-season schedule. Seven games along with 11 training sessions gives us a good amount of time to prepare for the season."

Brosnan and Leonard were in the Hendon starting line-up as they began their pre-season campaign with a 2-1 win over Edgware & Kingsbury in the Jeffrey Over Cup on Sunday.

Joe White and Florian Ednuovo Ada netted for Lee Allinson's side in front of a crowd of 239.

Experienced midfielder Jason Banton, meanwhile, has also joined the Greens from Brightlingsea Regent.

Having come through the youth ranks at Arsenal, Blackburn and Liverpool, he joined Leicester and had a loan spell at Burton Albion.

After moving to Seattle in the USA, Banton joined Crystal Palace on his return to England and had spells at Plymouth and MK Dons.

He joined Plymouth on a permanent deal, then had spells with Wycombe, Hartlepool, Notts County, Crawley and Partick Thistle.

And he subsequently went on to move to Woking and Torquay United, with loan spells at St Albans, Dulwich and Truro City.

After joining Braintree, he moved to Romford, Cray, Kingstonian, Bishop's Stortford, Sittingbourne and Herne Bay before his time at Regent.

South African-born midfielder Thami Mmakola has also signed after graduating from the Academy at Silver Jubilee Park and impressing in the early part of pre-season.

Mmakola spent time at Arlesley Town last season.

Hendon head to Harpenden Town on Saturday and host Kings Langley on Tuesday.