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## FOOTBALL: Successive wins for Maynard's men



Wealdstone's Charles Clayden and Jaydn Mundle-Smith in action at Grosvenor Vale. Image: Jon Taffel

# Friendly pre-season start for Wealdstone

WEALDSTONE head to Farnborough for their next pre-season friendly on Saturday having won their first two outings.

They faced Bracknell Town at Rayners Lane last weekend and new signing Tahvon Campbell - having joined on a season-long loan from National League rivals Rochdale - had early sights of goal.

The Robins opened the scoring, but Stuart Maynard's men levelled just before half-time through Campbell.

Bracknell regained the lead after the restart, following a raft of changes, but Giovanni McGregor played in Tarryn Allarakhia to fire a superb shot into the top corner of the net from the edge of the box to

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make it 2-2.

Olufela Olomola played Allarakhia through moments later but he was denied by a great save by the visiting keeper, who produced another smart stop to thwart the winger.

Having used six trialists on the day, Wealdstone found an injury-time winner when a corner was played to Corie Andrews and he found Jaydn Mundle-Smith to slot home.

Stones welcomed League Two outfit MK Dons to Grosvenor Vale on Tuesday and saw Ashley Charles and Micah Obiero go close in a

frantic opening, while Jonathan Leko and Mo Eisa - who hit a post - had chances for the visitors. Max Kretzschmar cleared a Jack Tucker header off the line midway through the first half, with Stones opening the scoring on 26 minutes when Obiero knocked a Charles Clayden cross into the path of Alex Dyer to smash home from 12 yards.

Eight changes were made at half-time, with five trialists brought on, and more substitutions were made - 10 by MK Dons and a further three by the hosts - midway through the second half.

The visitors levelled when Daragh Burns chipped the ball over Wealdstone's defence for Max Dean to net with a superb volley on the

turn and they went close to a second goal on 84 minutes when Zak Jules fired into the side netting.

But Stones countered to secure a 2-1 victory as Olomola collected a deep cross and squared to McGregor who made no mistake.

\*Harrow Borough slipped to a 1-0 defeat at Haringey Borough in their first pre-season friendly on Saturday.

But they bounced back to beat Ware 3-1 in midweek and visit AFC Dunstable for a behind-closed-doors fixture this weekend, before facing North Greenford United at Brunel University Sports Centre on Tuesday.

Southern League fixtures are to be released on Friday at midday.

## Winning is better than entertaining

RICHARD Wigglesworth insists winning trumps entertainment as he ruled out England adopting a 'Bazball' approach to take on the world this autumn. While Ben Stokes' cricket team have contributed to a thrilling Ashes series against Australia, adhering to the swashbuckling instincts dubbed 'Bazball', Wigglesworth believes pragmatism offers England their best chance of success at the Rugby World Cup.

Entrusted with overseeing Steve Borthwick's attack after being recruited from Leicester at the end of the season, the 40-year-old is devising a gameplan that is "tactically flexible".

"The beauty about rugby is there is loads of different ways to do it. If we all try to play the same way it wouldn't be entertaining," said former Saracens and England scrum-half Wigglesworth.

"We want to be tactically flexible. Does the word entertainment come into my thinking when I am planning? No. It's about the best way to play. The best way to play and attack will end up being entertaining.

"There are games you have to go and win in a different way and I want us to be able to do that and make sure when the time is right, we can move the ball as well as anyone.

"We are aiming to have the best plan for the players we've got. I'm not going to say 'this is how we want to attack.' What we have to do is match the right personnel on the field with the best attack for them.

"We will attack well. We don't want to be passive, we want to go and make sure we cause some problems."

Wigglesworth has been keeping tabs on the Ashes and while England are 2-1 behind he admires a set-up that provides players with freedom.

"It's funny because they've been lauded, then they lose two games in an Ashes series and there are questions. That's sport and that's why you have to try to do what you can to win," added Wigglesworth.

"Hopefully they can turn it around and win three in a row, so they're back to being lauded again.

"I'm really interested in the environment they've got there - where players can go out and express themselves and be happy. That is certainly something we want to do.

"We want players to enjoy being part of this England squad. We are really conscious of that.

"I'm definitely interested in the Ashes as a spectator, from afar. Maybe with this rose on my chest now, I might be able to visit a few places and pick their brains.

"They're pretty busy at the moment but I'll be sending some messages and seeing if I can. There will be many a sport I try and tap into, to try to learn from."