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## WEALDSTONE holding auction to raise funding



Wealdstone's match worn shirts are available for auction. Picture: MontImageMedia

## Prem pays out for playoffs

NATIONAL LEAGUE RECEIVES MONEY FROM TOP FLIGHT



Fans at a National League game  
Picture: Action Images

THE National League has confirmed that the Premier League has contributed £200,000 in order for their three non-league division to complete their respective playoffs.

The payments come in addition to existing solidarity, community and facility payments that the top flight already distributes to lower leagues.

Wealdstone are fortunate enough to not have to go through the stress of playoffs after being named champions of the National League South, but other sides in the divisions are not so fortunate.

All playoff games will be held behind closed doors, meaning there will be no chance for teams or the league to earn from gate receipts.

Chief Executive Michael Tattersall commented: "We are pleased to receive the generous donation by the Premier League towards our end-of-season play-offs."

Premier League Chief Executive Richard Masters said: "The Premier League is a big supporter of the wider game and we will continue our commitments in this area despite our significant financial losses and ongoing uncertainty."

"In addition, we will provide £200,000 to The National League to help them to conclude their season and give more than £1 million to the WSL and the Women's Championship to restart next season."

It is currently not known exactly when the playoffs will take place, but they are expected to be scheduled for some point midway through July.

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## Stones to sell off worn kits

WEALDSTONE are continuing their fundraising ahead of their upcoming season in the National League following their promotion as champions of National League South.

Stones are seeking contributions via a number of different channels as they prepare to spend next season in the fifth tier of English football.

One such method is via a match-worn shirt silent auction, which they are running via their website.

Home and away kits worn during Wealdstone's championship winning season are available with a reserve price of £100.

The shirts available to bid on include those belonging to Aston Oxborough, Michee Efete, Jacob Mendy, Billy Clifford, Connor Stevens, Jerome Okimo, Michael Phillips, Connor Smith, Ross Lafayette, Danny Green, Dennon Lewis, Ryan Sellers, Jake Sheppard, Ashley Charles and Sanchez Watt.

Signed and framed Moses Emmanuel and Harry Isted shirts are also available.

By Ryan Gray

A post on the Stones' website explaining how supporters can get involved in the auction reads: "We are delighted to confirm that we will be holding an online silent auction for signed championship winning match-worn shirts."

"Each shirt will have an official authenticity certificate and will be signed by each player and professionally framed."

"We will be selling home and away versions for each selected player as well as selected game-specific items."

"There is also a signed and framed Moses Emmanuel 9 shirt and Harry Isted 13 shirt available which were worn against Havant & Waterlooville away, as well as home and away shirts signed by the whole squad."

"Each shirt has a reserve price of £100 and we will update on the highest bids (confidentially) as often as we can on our official social media channels."

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