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WEALDSTONE seeking ground improvements



Wealdstone have asked fans to help both physically and financially in preparation for the National League next season

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Stones ask fans for help

WEALDSTONE are planning to launch a scheme for supporters to help the club deal with the financial impact of the coronavirus outbreak as they prepare for a return to the top tier of non-league football for the first time in 32 years.

The Stones won the National League South after the competition was decided by a points-per-game basis and were promoted to the National League, but with supporters not yet permitted to enter grounds and the start of next season due to take place behind closed doors, the club needs to find a way to salvage some of their lost match-day revenue.

The club have also asked any handy supporters to help out with renovations to Grosvenor Vale in order to get it ready for the step up in divisions.

A statement released by the board reads: "We need to compensate for our current lack of resources by harnessing the special Wealdstone spirit and being the hardest working club in the division. We continue to undertake ground improvements and if you can support

By Ryan Gray

this work either physically or financially please get in touch. The window to improve our ground and the facilities we all enjoy is now and we all want a home to be proud of.

"We need to raise money, lots of it, both to pay for these groundwork's and to try and provide Dean and Stuart with the tools they need to compete at this level. A huge thank you to everyone who contributed last season where fans contributed a significant sum to support the budget which played a major part in our success. Schemes like this has a huge impact on the finances and moral of the club and the squad. Dean, and Stuart have done some excellent business to date however we'd still like to strengthen further without entering into deals that the club can't afford. We are looking to launch a similar scheme in the coming weeks and will update you when this is in place."

Gould beaten by Wilson

HARROW SNOOKER PLAYER KNOCKED OUT OF CHAMPS



Martin Gould lost to Kyren Wilson
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MARTIN Gould bemoaned a "mad rush of blood" after giving up three snookers to Kyren Wilson, hastening his second-round exit at the World Championships.

The Pinner potter's redemption tale continued in Sheffield as he stormed through the Qualifiers and thrashed in-form Scot Stephen Maguire 10-3 in the first round.

But world No.8 Wilson looked a step too far as, despite a sparkling 129 in the third frame, Gould sank to 11-5 down.

Yet Gould rallied in the match's final session on Sunday morning, winning the first three frames and leaving his opponent needing three snookers to avoid conceding another.

Wilson laid a snooker and Gould failed three times to hit the object ball, conceding a free ball and allowing the 28-year-old to snatch the frame from an improbable position.

Gould rued his misjudgment of the red but credited Wilson for a deserved triumph.

"It could have been 11-9 and it turned in to one of those frames," said Gould. "We've all won them from that position. It's not the first time that's happened and it's not going to be the last.

"I just had a mad rush of blood. It's part of the game. You take it on the chin. I tried to put it out of my mind in the mid-session interval and tried to do what I'd been doing previously but he made a good break in the last and the damage was done, really.

"It was just one of those days where the real me was probably still in bed. It was the first early session I'd played and it was a culture shock setting the alarm for six or seven. Kyren played exceptionally and I can't knock him."

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