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#### **WEALDSTONE** lose at home to Torquay United



Wealdstone manager Dean Brennan saw his team beaten by National League leaders Torquay United on Tuesday evening

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# Stones sunk by the Gulls

BILLY Waters struck twice as Vanarama National League leaders Torquay snatched a late 2-1 win at Wealdstone.

Waters cancelled out Danny Parish's opener before netting the winner a minute from time to extend the Gulls' unbeaten run to nine matches.

Ben Whitfield fired over the bar in the opening minute as the leaders began on the front foot

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But it was Wealdstone, who had failed to win their previous three league matches, who struck first on 27 minutes as Parish pounced on a loose ball to slot home from close range.

Whitfield again threatened for the visitors, but Stones goalkeeper Stuart Moore was equal to his effort.

Moore had to be on hand again to keep out Kyle Cameron's header seven minutes after the break but the keeper was unable to keep out substitute Waters' close-range strike on the hour mark as Torquay pulled level.

Jake Andrews fired wide as the visitors pushed for a second goal and Waters was

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denied by a goalline clearance with six minutes remaining. But Waters latched onto Connor Lem-

But Waters latched onto Connor Lemonheigh-Evans' cross to fire in the winner.

Stones' goalkeeper Moore was playing his first game for the club at short notice, after on loan shot-stopper Harry Isted was recalled by Luton Town during the week.

This left Wealdstone with only young goalkeepers Jake Askew and Lewis Everett to select from.

However, Moore's signing was announced shortly before kick off last night and he went straight into the starting XI.

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The 26-year old had been without a
club since June following his release
from League One side MK Dons, where
he made a total of 15 appearances in two
seasons. He has also played for Barrow
and Swindon Town.

# Stones preparing to host fans

WEALDSTONE TO OPEN THE VALE TO SUPPORTERS



#### Wealdstone fans Picture: MontImageMedia

WEALDSTONE are preparing to host fans for the first time this season on December 12 when Weymouth visit the Vale in the National League.

The coronavirus pandemic has meant that no fans have been able to watch the Stones since they were promoted to the top tier of non-league football, but that is set to change when national lockdown restrictions are lifted this week.

The club are looking forward to hosting fans for the first time this season, but said they wanted to trial their entry into the ground safely first, to make sure they can then carry out the same operation with increased numbers.

A message from chairman Rory Fitzgerald on their website reads: "The Government's announcements this week announcing the safe return of spectators is welcomed and we look forward to greeting fans back into The Vale to watch the club play in the highest division of non-league football for the first time in over 30 years.

"It is important to emphasise that the permitted attendances will be severely limited and significantly below the lower of 50% of capacity or 2,000 as permitted by the initial guidance for Tier 2.

"We are also likely to build up to our maximum permitted attendance over a small number of games to ensure we can safely trial COVID protocols and ensure that we can operate safely with increased numbers.

"We will be announcing plans on the capacity and ticketing arrangements for this game when they are finalised.

"We expect to continue to stream our home matches throughout December."



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