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## COVID forces Wealdstone to suspend matches



Wealdstone have had to cancel their next two matches due to positive coronavirus tests

Picture: Jon Taffel

## Stones sign two new players

WEALDSTONE BOLSTER WITH FREE AGENTS



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FREE agents Rhys Browne and Mo Diallo joined Wealdstone over the Christmas period as the club look to bolster their squad for the second half of the season.

Browne is an Antigua & Barbuda international and is the son of the late Steve Browne, who had two spells with the Stones in the late 1980s and early 90s.

He joins after parting ways from League Two side Port Vale, where he made a total of 15 appearances in the 2019/20 season.

He started his career with Charlton Athletic as a youngster, before joining Aldershot Town upon his release from the Valley.

He fared better with the Shots following his arrival and, in his first season in National League football scored a total of seven times in 41 appearances from the wing.

That form earned him a return to the EFL, where he joined Grimsby Town and from there he has also played for Macclesfield Town on loan and Yeovil Town.

The other new arrival, Diallo, is Guinean and most recently played his football in the Isthmian Premier League with Worthing.

The 21-year old progressed through the Stoke City Academy system before spells around non-league in Sussex at Shoreham, Newhaven, Bognor Regis Town and Lewes before joining Worthing earlier this year.

Browne will wear the number 27 shirt, while Diallo will be wearing the number 26.

## Stones game postponed

By Ryan Gray

WEALDSTONE'S National League game against Boreham Wood on Monday has been postponed after a member of the Stones' squad tested positive for coronavirus.

A Wealdstone statement read: "Our playing squad will now self isolate in line with Public Health England guidelines, meaning Saturday's fixture at home to Maidenhead United has also been postponed.

We will next be in action on Saturday January 9 when we travel to Hartlepool United, providing we have no more confirmed cases between now and then."

The game was originally due to be played at Wealdstone, but had been switched to Boreham Wood's Meadow Park.

It means that Stones can no longer try and get revenge on Maidenhead, who climbed up to fifth in the Vanarama National League after beating Wealdstone 4-0 at York Road on Boxing Day.

The Magpies, who had won just once in their previous six games, needed only

four minutes to take the lead as Ryan Upward raced through the centre before drilling a low shot past Stuart Moore.

Moses Emmanuel came close to leveling on the half-hour but the hosts were able to snuff out the danger, and eight minutes later it was 2-0.

Alan Devonshire's men again swept through the heart of the Wealdstone defence and, after unselfish play by his team-mates, Josh Coley stepped inside a covering defender before smashing home from close range.

Danilo Orsi, who helped set Coley up, then made it 3-0 with a penalty in the 49th minute after Jacob Mendy's handball.

Wealdstone fought back from 3-0 down to beat Eastleigh 4-3 in the FA Trophy last weekend, but there was no chance of a repeat with Maidenhead completing the win four minutes later through Nathan Blissett.

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