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FOOTBALL Lewis named Stones player of year

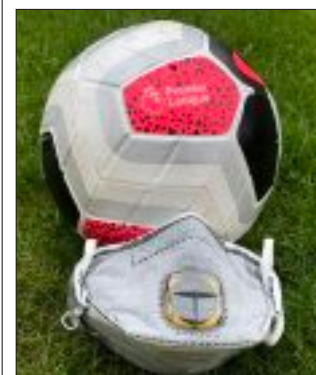


Wealdstone announced their end of season award winners online after their season was ended early by the coronavirus outbreak.

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Guidelines for training published

MATCHES COULD RETURN BY THE END OF NEXT MONTH



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PROFESSIONAL sport has nudged a step closer to a resumption after the Government published 'stage two' of its guidance, which enables competitive and close-contact training.

The guidance, published in conjunction with public health officials and sports medical officers, allows for organised, close-contact training, under carefully controlled medical conditions.

The advice is geared towards establishing the conditions for stage three of the process, which is expected to be achieved next month with a resumption of sports, including Premier League matches, behind closed doors.

The guidance makes it clear that the close contact training for elite athletes can include close quarters coaching and tackling in team sports so that players can get match fit.

The Premier League met yesterday to discuss its own protocol for contact training, as it looks to try and establish a restart date, with June 19 currently mooted as a "staging post" at the time of going to press.

Sports minister Nigel Huddleston said: "This new guidance marks the latest phase of a carefully phased return to training process for elite athletes, designed to limit the risk of injury and protect the health and safety of all involved."

"We are absolutely clear that individual sports must review whether they have the appropriate carefully controlled medical conditions in place before they can proceed, and secure the confidence of athletes, coaches and support staff."

"A safe, competitive training environment can be delivered, as we work towards a restart of professional sport behind closed doors."

Stones hand out awards

By Ryan Gray

DENNON Lewis was presented with both the Jock Law Trophy Player of the Year and Young Stones Player of the Year at the Wealdstone end of season awards, which were announced via social media last week.

The 23-year-old winger played in all 39 games played in 2019/20, scoring 13 goals and providing 10 assists.

Manager Dean Brennan told the club website: "Dennon has worked extremely hard on his game, his attitude to work hard for our team has been first class."

"We have seen how Dennon has grown into our team, he's such an electric and exciting player to watch. We can not forget how he scored and created so many key goals for our team this season."

"Dennon and our team deserve all the plaudits that they are going to get after this season. We all cannot wait to get return to watching Dennon and the lads playing their hearts out again soon."

Elsewhere, Ross Lafayette won the golden boot for the season, after he scored 16 goals from 35 appearances in all com-

petitions.

Brennan said about Lafayette's goal-scoring: "Ross is a player that leads by example, his positive attitude and experience in our camp has been vital for our team."

"He's been a real leader for our team and he has scored a wide variety of goals that have help get us to the top of the table and stay there."

Michee Efete was awarded the Chairman's Award by Rory Fitzgerald, who said: "Michee has been incredible this season he has been an important part of the team."

"He has played out of position for a large part of this season and has been involved in 11 goals from the full-back position which is remarkable."

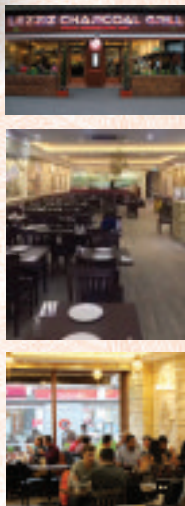
"Michee must consider himself unlucky not to have been voted Player of the Year. A fantastic contribution."

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