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### Concerns 500 homes plan progressing despite refusal

A CONSTRUCTION company has apologised to residents after work was carried out at a site previously planned for 500 new homes.

Taylor Wimpey said it was sorry for any inconvenience after it carried out investigative work along Hammersley Lane, High Wycombe, earlier this month.

The work sparked concerns from residents that the project to build 500 new

By James Richings

homes was progressing despite refusal by the council following an appeal.

The appeal was rejected in September 2024, but works have been undertaken to investigate the depth and location of the gas main situated within the verge on Hammersley Lane.

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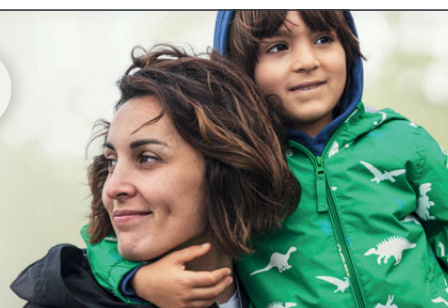
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The donated football shirts will be sent across the world

## Kits donated at Adams Park to help poorest nations

HUNDREDS of football kits will be sent to some of the most impoverished areas of the world after Wycombe Wanderers organised a charity shirt drive.

Between March 15 and April 12, fans of the club were encouraged to donate unwanted clothing to

several bins around Adams Park, with the clothing being given to KitAid.

The non-profit organisation would then sort and distribute the kits to numerous areas across the globe.

Founder of KitAid, Derrick Williams, thanked the club for the support ahead of the Chairboys' 1-0 home victory against Stevenage earlier this month.

KitAid was launched in 1998 by Mr Williams following a trip to Tanzania.

## QR code scam warning issued by police

THAMES Valley Police received the third highest number of reports for QR code scams in the UK, after the Metropolitan Police and West Midlands regions.

The BBC's Shared Data Unit has obtained data for every police force area, showing a stark rise in the number of scams linked to QR codes.

Experts say organised crime gangs are behind the fast-spreading fraud, which is presenting a significant challenge to authorities around the world.

About 3,000 so-called "quishing" scams have been reported to the UK's national fraud reporting authority, Action Fraud, since 2019.

That year, 100 such scams were recorded – by 2024, the annual figure stood at 1,386. Between 2023 and 2024, the number more than doubled.

There is an over tenfold increase nationally and almost 16x increase to the Thames Valley Police.

There were a total of 119 scams reported to Thames Valley Police between 2019 and 2024.

In 2019, only four scams of this type were reported but, in 2024, there were 63.

A fifth of the scams are linked to the Metropolitan Police area.

Trading Standards lead officer Katherine Hart said the figures are likely to represent just a fraction of the problem, which she said is a global issue that is significantly under-reported.

# New event plan after organisers in administration

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PENN Festival will not be held again this year, and organisers UK Live Limited have been in administration since January.

PennFest was cancelled in 2024 with the planners stating, the cancellation was a necessary regroup and prepare for an impressive 2025 event.

In a Facebook post, they said: "We know many of our regular attendees were very excited about the 2024 edition but over the past few months it has become more and more apparent that with lower than anticipated ticket sales coupled with significantly increasing costs in a very challenging economic climate has made it impossible to deliver

the event to the standard our customers have become accustomed to, despite looking at all available options."

"For us it's important to prioritize the wellbeing and the long-term sustainability of the festival and by regrouping in this way we can deliver on our commitment to further high-quality experiences in the future."

UK Live created PennFest, a multi-genre, two-day music festival held in The Big Park, Penn Street, Buckinghamshire.

An administrator was appointed to the Marlow-based company on January 22, 2025.

Penn Festival began in 2011 as a village festival and grew from a 2,000-person event to welcoming 10,000 people per day.

This year, Oh Shala Wellbe-

ing Community Festival will be coming to the Penn House Estate's land, where Penn Fest used to be held, on Friday, July 25 - Sunday, July 27.

The festival will be a celebration of Yoga, Meditation, Sound, Dance, Art and Therapy, it will be a family-oriented, sober and vegan event.

This is a different vibe to PennFest, which had headliners including Noel Gallagher, Bastille, Rudimental and Clean Bandit.

Last year, the line-up was set to include Ella Henderson, Richard Ashcroft, Jess Glynne and Paul Weller.

The Penn House Estate will also be holding the Bucks Country Show on May 4 - 5.

The event will involve horses, motorbike stunts, wrestling, barrel racing, gundog and falconry displays.

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## FOOTBALL

# Rams edged out by the Heathens – again



Flackwell Heath edged Beaconsfield Town. Photo: BEN COUSIN

**FLACKWELL** Heath sealed a third-place finish in the Southern League Central Division, with a 2-1 win over local rivals Beaconsfield Town for the third time this season, writes Arran White.

Flackwell got off to a fast start, with Wiktor Makowski scoring twice inside the opening ten minutes to give the hosts an early lead. The first goal came after only four minutes, with Makowski being played through, he beat the Beaconsfield defence with ease before firing a shot into the bottom corner past the on rushing keeper. He then got his second with nine minutes on the clock, a similar goal but this time not only did he beat the defence, but he also went round the keeper before firing into the bottom corner once more.

Beaconsfield grew into the game after their disastrous start, creating several good chances, and going close through a free kick,

headed just over by Luke Neville, and then again from a corner, headed just wide by Manu Oke-William. As the half ended Josh Marcon popped up for Beaconsfield, curling a shot from the edge of the box in off the post, to reduce the deficit to 2-1 for his side entering the break.

Beaconsfield dominated the second half, but could not find the net, creating several chances to level the tie, but going on to lose 2-1. Notable chances for Beaconsfield came from set pieces but were summed up by a late free kick played straight into the keeper's arms.

Beaconsfield will bring their season to a close at home tomorrow, hosting Ware at Holloways Park at 3pm. Flackwell Heath bring their league campaign to a close away at Stotfold tomorrow, before they enter the play off's.

## FOOTBALL

# 10-man Holmer edge out the Rovers to reach final

HOLMER Green edged past London Samurai Rovers 1-0 to secure a place in the Esoteric Recordings, Division One Cup Final, writes John Anderson.

The away side threatened first on four minutes, but the ball passed across the Holmer goal.

On 10 minutes Holmer took the lead. Matt Wooster nicked the ball off Bobic, while the tricky opponent was facing his own goal only 30 yards out.

In doing so he nudged the ball forward to Josh Peck who laid the ball sideways to Jeffrey Fordjour, before taking up a more forward position inside the Samurai penalty-area.

Fordjour picked him out, and Peck laid it off to his right. Harrison Holbrook had now arrived and took one touch before cleanly putting the ball beyond the 'keeper from about 12 yards.

The visitors played their way into the ascendancy after this and looked much the better side for the rest of the half without really troubling Sam Bell in the home goal.

The second half did not immediately show an improvement for

Holmer, but an incident on 62 minutes certainly did prompt Holmer to force their way back into the game.

Callum Gray had been trying to negate the pace of the visitors' number seven Miyata.

With ball already out of play Gray barged into his opponent with unnecessarily disproportionate force.

The Samurai player crashed into the pitch surround. He was able to resume when play re-started after treatment. But it did not look good, and the away Manager and six of his on-field players thought that too. They rushed to confront Gray – some from 60-70 yards, and the Referee and the far side assistant had their work cut out to restore order.

Gray received an inevitable straight red card as did the away (right back) captain.

Before play began again the away manager was also dismissed, for leaving his technical area in an aggressive manner.

This incident seemed to inspire Holmer to start playing with control and attacking intent.

The visitors never enjoyed the same hold on the game.



Holmer Green

# Disappointment for Holloways Park pairing

WINDSOR FC finished in the relegation zone of the Combined Counties League Division after being held to a 2-2 draw by Eversley & California in their final game on Tuesday.

This left them one point from safety, with Woodley United going above them after beating Oxhey Jets 5-0 on the same evening. Woodley had spent most of the season at the bottom of the table, but showed vastly improved form

in the last month, finishing off with three successive wins.

Windsor, who had a better goal difference than Woodley, now face an anxious wait until the FA decide whether to move them down a league or grant a reprieve.

They conceded two goals to fourth-in-the-table Eversley in the opening half-hour at Holloways Park, but pulled one back in the 37th minute and equalised in stoppage time at the end of the game.

Playing their home matches at Beaconsfield Town's Holloways Park, their landlords also suffered disappointment over Easter as Old Windsor retained the Slough Town Senior Cup by beating FC Beaconsfield 4-1 at Arbour Park on Good Friday.

The East Berkshire League club took a two-goal lead into the break thanks to Joe Allen and James Walton.

Beaconsfield pulled one goal

back before the Os secured victory with goals from Chris Tierney and Allen inside the final quarter of the game.

This coming Saturday, Old Windsor host Frontline in the Premier Division, while Britwell are home to Taplow United in the Ascot & District (Fielden) Cup semi-finals. Old Windsor Reserves face Hype Train in the President's Cup final at Burnham today (Friday, 7.30pm).

## FOOTBALL

# Ducks set date for awards

AYLESBURY United have confirmed arrangements for their End of Season Awards Evening.

The Ducks are eight points clear of the relegation zone in the Southern League Division One Central with one match remaining.

Supporters have been invited to the evening on Friday, May 2 at Rivets Sports and Social Club, Whitehead Way.

For £20, the ticket includes the choice of food, including:

- Fish (cod) and chips, or
- Jumbo sausage and chips, or
- Steak and kidney pie and chips, or
- Chicken and mushroom pie and chips, or
- Vegetarian burger and chips.

Payable by cash or cheque directly to Mike Snell – or via PayPal if possible. Mike will be present at the last few Ducks home games of the season to take your orders and payment. You can also send your order (full name, your choice of food and contact phone number) to [mike\\_snell@msn.com](mailto:mike_snell@msn.com) using PayPal.

You can send cheques to: Mike Snell, 2 The Glebe, Stone, Aylesbury, HP17 8RH.

All food choices and payment must be received by Mike before the end of Sunday, April 27.

## FOOTBALL

# Tributes paid to much-loved Dynamos stalwart

AYLESBURY Vale Dynamos have announced the passing of club stalwart Ian 'Brownie' Brown.

Described as a 'fountain of knowledge' and 'one of a kind', Mr Brown was a much-loved face at Haywood Way for many a year.

Assisting with hospitality and making travelling committees feel welcome, his presence will be missed.

A heartfelt tribute on the club website read: "Brownie was a fountain of knowledge to us as we found our way around the club and the league. He has been sorely missed at the club the past few months and the news yesterday was very sad.

"Our thoughts go out to Louise and his lovely family. He was one of a kind and will forever hold a place in our hearts. "Cheers Brownie."

"We'll miss you pal."

## Sport

## FOOTBALL

## Heathens secure play-offs with victory

**FLACKWELL** Heath secured their place in the play-offs with an impressive 1-2 win away to Thame United in a heated clash between the two local play-off hopefuls, writes Mark Glynn.

The deadlock was broken by Flackwell in the 17th minute, Makowski played the ball into Harding who left two defenders for dead with an audacious turn and then curled the ball beautifully past the keeper. In the 74th minute after a tight offside call the referee had enough of the persistent moaning from the

Thame players and showed a straight red card to the incessant Hackett, whom we can only assume said something serious.

It didn't take long for Flackwell to punish the ten men of Thame after a good run and shot from Harding was parried out to Walsh who reacted quickest slotting the ball home in the 77th minute.

Flackwell then took full control and looked like adding a third goal but Thame didn't give up and in the 87th minute managed to pull a goal back after Lewthwaite curled in a

lovely effort from outside the box setting up an unexpected nervy ending to the game.

Thame buoyed by the goal threw everything at getting an equaliser peppering Flackwell's box with crosses and long throws, in the 93rd minute a corner came in and after a failed clearance an unfortunate bounce hit the arm of Jamie Ayres and the referee pointed to the spot. Tutton stepped up to take the penalty but Flackwell's keeper went the right way and pushed the ball safely out of danger to ensure the three points.



Carl Dennison - Penalty hero

## FOOTBALL

## Chesham United suffer a pair of defeats over Easter

**C**HESHAM United went into the Easter weekend hoping for a couple of good results against local opposition but both games ended in defeat.

With a trip to Hemel Hempstead on Friday (accompanied by a dozen or so Chesham fans who walked to the ground on a fundraising mission) and the visit of Slough Town on Monday there was local pride to play for.

First to Friday then and Chesham went down to their first defeat in six games in this local derby, losing 2-0 to Hemel Hempstead. Both teams had identical records going into this game but apart from local bragging rights there was little to play for, and two quick goals early in the second half settled the outcome in favour of the home side.

Despite lots of endeavour, the first half didn't produce many chances of note for either team. Late on in the half Kyran Wiltshire fired just wide for Hemel after a free kick was headed out, but otherwise there was little goalmouth action.

The game had a distinct end-of-season feel to it and this continued in the second half. Hemel eventually broke through just after the hour mark when Kyle Ajayi stole in unmarked to head in a George Williams corner. Shortly afterwards the home side added a second when Williams was brought down in the area and Joe White converted the penalty. Chesham rarely looked like getting back in the game, apart from one incident when a Connor Roberts corner ran loose in the Hemel area and was eventually scrambled away.

On to Easter Monday then, and Chesham went down 3-2 to a second defeat against mid-table Slough.

By Andy Westlake

This was another end-of-season game and Chesham fielded a re-shaped side, which may explain the rather disappointing performance.

Chesham made a fine start with a third-minute goal. Following a neat build-up on the right the ball was switched to Alex Lafleur on the left, and his low cross was turned in by Nathan Minhas at the near post. However six minutes later Dan Roth played the ball in from the right and Slavi Spasov was able to turn it past Ben Goode unchallenged to level the scores. Ten minutes later another right-wing cross was cleared as far as Johnny Goddard, who had time and space to control and shoot into the corner of the net past Ben Goode's right hand.

Nine minutes into the second half Slough scored a third when David Ogonna was allowed to run to the edge of the area and fire past Ben Goode. Chesham made a number of substitutions with Matt Lench and Gary Abisogun both returning after lengthy absences and on 83 minutes Mitchell Weiss headed in a corner from fellow sub Bradley Clayton to halve the deficit. Chesham's one last chance came in stoppage time when they won a free kick on the edge of the Slough area, but Omar Rowe lifted the ball narrowly high and wide. That now puts them in 14th place in National League South.

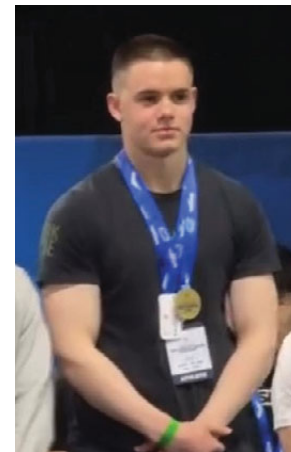
Chesham's final game of the season is away at Dorking Wanderers on Saturday 26th and Chesham's women welcome London Bees to The Meadow for their final FAWN match of the season at 2pm on Sunday.



Nathan Minhas nets a pinpoint goal against Slough Town. Photo Neale Blackburn.

## MORE SPORT

## Bucks teen lifts title in Midlands competition



A BUCKINGHAMSHIRE student won a Powerlifting Championship in Wolverhampton last week.

James Hardy, 17, pictured, a student at Chalfont Community College, lives in Chalfont St Peter.

Last Sunday he won the British National sub junior 74kg powerlifting championship in Wolverhampton.

His Squat 210kgs, Bench press 137.5kgs, Deadlift 262.5 kgs gave him a winning total of 610 kgs. Over 30 kgs ahead of his nearest rival.

James is now looking forward to representing Great Britain in the World powerlifting championships in Costa Rica at the end of August.

## Comedy football coming to Chesham

TOP comedians, Chesham's finest footballers, musicians, madness and Alex Horne's new rules all combine to produce an afternoon of entertainment at The Meadow, home of Chesham United.

Taking place at 3pm on Saturday, May 10, ticket prices are just £12 for adults.

You can access the ticketing system via the Fanbase app on the Apple and Android stores, as well as through the browser at <https://app.fanbaseclub.com/>

Once you are signed in, the Alex Horne Comedy Football Trophy will be at the top of the page or under 'Events' in the 'Schedule' tab.

Once purchased your tickets will be available to you in the app, where you can share them with the other members of your party or add them to your Apple/Google Wallet.

# 'Today was not acceptable' - Dodds angry at drubbing

**WYCOMBE** Wanderers head coach Mike Dodds described his side's 4-0 home loss to Charlton Athletic as 'out-of-character' and 'embarrassing'.

The Chairboys began the day in second on 84 points, one ahead of Wrexham in third and five ahead of the Addicks, who sit fourth.

However, strikes from Lloyd Jones, Luke Berry, Matt Godden and Karoy Anderson succumbed Wanderers to their heaviest defeat of the season.

It was the first time under Dodds that Wycombe had conceded more than one goal at Adams Park, and it is the first time they have shipped four or more strikes at home in the league since February 2022.

The result now means the Chairboys drop to third after Wrexham won 2-1 away at Blackpool.

However, if Wycombe beat Leyton Orient on Saturday lunchtime, and Charlton defeat the Welsh side on the same day, Wanderers move back into the runners up spot with one game left.

Speaking at full-time, Dodds said: "Today wasn't acceptable as we gifted them four goals and from our perspective, it's embarrassing.

"I'm scratching my head as we didn't do anything different in terms of our processes, and we went into the game full of confidence.

"It was an out-of-character performance and I have to wear that as the leader,



Wycombe Wanderers head coach Mike Dodds. Image: Jonathan Brady/PA Wire

as it was no way near the standards of what we require.

"We got what we deserved, and I'm going to do an autopsy of how we have gone from having the best defensive record in the EFL since I've been here, as we have prided ourselves on being organised, to gifting Charlton four goals.

"But I will say this, Charlton deserved to win the game as they forced us

into errors.

"Two came from set pieces, which we have been outstanding at [defending] all season, and we need to see what happened [against Charlton], and the two in the second half were poor."

It is the first time the Addicks have done the double over Wycombe since the 2018/19 season.

For Nathan Jones, he described his side's win as 'professional' as the London side continues to hunt

down both Wanderers and Wrexham for that second spot.

He said: "I am delighted and proud because it's some performance to come to the team in second and to do what we did.

"We knew we had to win today, and from moment one, I thought we were very positive.

"The opening 10 minutes or so were a bit frenetic, but when it settled down, we got the first goal, and

the second came quickly.

"In the second half, I wanted us to be more aggressive as I felt we had more quality to show.

"We gave the ball away a bit too much in the first half, and I thought we could have put a bit more pressure on them.

"It eventually worked as they made an error [for the third goal] and we went on - we were just outstanding, considering this is a very good team."

## FOOTBALL

### Wycombe three wins away from promotion

**WYCOMBE** Wanderers secured their first away win at Bolton in three years after they defeated the Trotters 2-0 at the ToughSheet Stadium on Good Friday.

In their first visit to the former Premier League stadium in just over 12 months, it was the home side that had the game's first chance, but George Thomason fired his bending left-foot effort from 20 yards over the crossbar.

It was a half of little-to-no attempts as Wycombe defended brilliantly, but struggled to create any clear-cut chances themselves.

Fred Onyedimna and Jack Grimmer worked well on the right flank, but their crosses were dealt with by the Bolton backline.

Richard Kone forced Nathan Baxter into a good stop, Cameron Humphreys slipped at the vital moment when taking his shot, whilst a couple of Dan Udoh crosses evaded the multiple bodies in the Bolton box.

Both teams went into the break goalless, meaning it was the 13th time in 15 matches under head coach Mike Dodds that Wycombe have entered half-time without scoring.

Despite this, the Adams Park side looked a lot more threatening and in the 58th minute, they managed to find that all-important opener.

Jay Matete's reckless challenge on Caleb Taylor just outside the box allowed Luke Leahy to lift the ball into the danger zone.

From the resulting set piece, the on-loan West Bromwich Albion man dove in from six yards to head home beyond Nathan Baxter to give Wycombe the lead.

It was his third of the season and his second in consecutive games after he scored the Chairboys' last-minute winner against Stevenage last weekend.

Wycombe continued to attack as Udoh forced Baxter into a good save, whilst Garath McCleary's shot was blocked.

As the game entered the dying embers, Bolton threw the kitchen sink at Mike Dodds' men, but with Wanderers going to a back five, the Trotters failed to break them down.

Then, with seconds left, Adam Reach's ball found Leahy, who smashed it home to wrap up the victory.

## FOOTBALL

### 'Selection headaches' ahead of season finale

**WYCOMBE** Wanderers head coach Mike Dodds has admitted he has got 'selection headaches' ahead of his side's last three league games of the season.

The Chairboys welcomed back striker Bez Lubala and Kieran Sadlier to a matchday squad in the 2-0 away win at Bolton Wanderers on Good Friday, with the latter making a fleeting appearance against his old side.

It was his first outing in over six months.

Now, with two games remaining, he admitted he needs to make 'tough calls' when it comes to squad selection.

On Sadlier's return, he added:

"I wanted to get Sads on as it was against his old club, and it's good for him to get some minutes.

"I think it was important to include him in the squad.

"With Bez, he has been back in training for a couple of weeks now.

"We have got selection headaches as we have a huge squad to pick from.

"I will admit, it is hard to get that balance right because when you're in my position, you need to make tough calls."

Beryly Lubala returned to the Wycombe team in the 2-0 away win at Bolton Wanderers on April 18. Image: Bradley Collyer/PA



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## Tickets for last away league match of season sell out



Wycombe will play Leyton Orient on April 26 at Brisbane Road  
Image: Adam Davy/PA

**TICKETS** for Wycombe Wanderers' final away game of the season at Leyton Orient have officially sold out.

The Chairboys take on the Os at Brisbane Road on April 26, with the fixture kicking off at 12.30pm.

In all, around 1,600 supporters from South Buckinghamshire will make the trip to East London, on what could be a pivotal day in the League One promotion race.

With Birmingham City up as champions, the second and final automatic spot for a place in the

Championship is up for grabs, with Wycombe, Wrexham, Charlton Athletic and Stockport County fighting to join the Blues in the second tier.

Going into the batch of games, Wanderers will play Orient this weekend before ending the season have at home to Stockport, whilst Wrexham take on Lincoln City, as well as Charlton.

Stockport face Wycombe on the final day of the season at Adams Park, whilst also facing play-off

hopefuls Huddersfield Town and Lincoln.

Wycombe's last visit to Leyton Orient was in December 2023, which happened to be the club's final game of the calendar year.

The match ended 0-0, which extended Wanderers' ten-winless run in the league to 12 matches.

Their last victory at Brisbane Road came in April 2017, which saw the Chairboys win 2-0 thanks to goals from Matt Bloomfield and Myles Weston.

## Dodds says he doesn't want to be 'over-reactive'

WYCOMBE Wanderers head coach Mike Dodds has admitted his side were 'hurting' in the days after their 4-0 home thumping against promotion-hopefuls, Charlton Athletic.

The Adams Park side went into their Easter Monday clash against the ex-Premier League outfit full of confidence following three back-to-back league wins, where they did not concede a goal.

But, an out-of-character showing in front of 8,000-plus fans on April 21 has dented Wanderers' chances of automatic promotion, with the light and dark blue army two points off the top two with two games remaining.

They must win their next two matches against Leyton Orient and Stockport County, respectively, and hope Wrexham drop points against Charlton and Lincoln City.

Speaking ahead of their clash against the Os on Saturday lunchtime, Dodds said: "We have got a professional group, so they are hurting, and if I am being honest, I want them to hurt."

"There would be alarm bells if they came in on Tuesday with a big smile on their face."

"We have had some honest conversations, and as I said in my post-match [against Charlton], no one at the club is accepting that performance."

"It has been good getting on the grass and correcting the wrongs, but I think the general feeling was shock, as no one saw that coming."

"The performances have been solid, and nothing has changed in the preparation."

"Having watched the game

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back, we found ourselves 2-0 through two set pieces, and the third goal was a killer as the game just ran away from us.

"I'm not making excuses - the goals we conceded were not acceptable."

"I'm hoping it was a freak performance, and we'll find that out in the next two games."

"So we have to correct Monday and make sure we go to Leyton Orient and get three points."

Whilst the 38-year-old didn't reveal where he'd make changes to his side that travel to East London on Saturday lunchtime, he admitted he will not be 'over-reactive'.

Prior to the thrashing against the Addicks, Wycombe had only conceded two goals once in 24 matches in 2025.

It was the first time they had shipped more than four strikes in a league game since February 2022, and it was the first time since the 2018/19 campaign that Charlton had done the double over Wycombe.

Dodds continued: "I don't want to be over-reactive because for 15/16 games, we have been organised and diligent."

"We have had the best defensive record in the whole of the EFL, but I don't want to act like the world's coming to an end because of one performance."

"We have two tough games, as anything can happen, so we just need to focus on ourselves."

The match will kick off at 12.30pm.



Wycombe Wanderers' 4-0 home loss to Charlton Athletic was their heaviest of the season. Image: Jonathan Brady/PA

## Wycombe Wanderers outfought by Charlton

WYCOMBE Wanderers' hopes of a top-two finish took a huge dent as they were thrashed 4-0 at home to fellow promotion chasers Charlton Athletic.

The Chairboys began the day in second, one point and one place clear of third-place Wrexham, but the Addicks were awesome at Adams Park, which has now put the South Buckinghamshire side third with two games of the league season remaining.

For Charlton, their chances of joining Birmingham City in the top two are a lot stronger, as they are now just four points off.

They bossed Wycombe from start to finish and took an early lead through Lloyd Jones.

On 11 minutes, the 29-year-old registered his third strike of the season with a well-taken attempt which went beyond Will Norris.

They then made it 2-0 on 24 minutes thanks to a brilliant strike from Luke Berry, as he was on hand to smash home from 15 yards.

It was his eighth of the campaign and his second in as many games.

Wycombe rarely offered anything definitive as Richard Kone was starved of service, and on the hour mark, the game was wrapped up.

Norris slipped when receiving a back pass from Xavier Simons, and there was Matt Godden to tap in Charlton's third in front of a jubilant away end.

It was then four moments later, when Karoy Anderson scored a header to send the travelling fans into ecstasy.

Chuks Aneke was given a straight red in stoppage time following a heated exchange with Luke Leahy, but this did not have any bearing on the game or the result.

It's a very damaging defeat for the Chairboys, who next play Leyton Orient, while Charlton take on Wrexham.

In an ironic twist, a win for Wycombe at Orient next weekend will see them go back to second, on the basis that the Addicks defeat the Welsh outfit.