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# Tributes as chef becomes latest to die on roads



Top restaurant Le Manoir confirmed two of its staff were in the crash

## Worry over young crash toll

AN 'INCREDIBLE and much-loved' young chef is being mourned after his death in a village crash.

Talvin, 19, of Hazlemere, was killed when a Kia Rio 2 collided with a telegraph pole in the Oxfordshire village of Horspath on Sunday. The vehicle left Cuddesdon Road, near the junction of The Green, at about 10.20pm.

**By Charlotte Coles**

A passenger, in her 20s, required hospital treatment for minor injuries.

A BMW 3 Series, which had been in convoy with the Kia, remained at the scene after the collision.

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## FOOTBALL

## Beaconsfield Town are out of the FA Cup



Zidan Akers in action for Beaconsfield  
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Beaconsfield Town were knocked out of The FA Cup at the Extra Preliminary round on Friday losing 0-1 to Larkhall Athletic at Holloways Park, writes Arran White.

It was a tightly contested game, and the opening half set the standard, with limited chances for either team. The best chance of the half came to Larkhall as they hit the bar, and probably should have scored, in the 6th minute of the contest. Beaconsfield had chances from set pieces in the opening 45 minutes but failed to capitalise on chances and take a lead. The game entered the break poised at 0-0.

Beaconsfield could, and probably should, have had the lead in the 46th minute, when Zidan Akers found himself one on one with the Larkhall goalkeeper, who

produced a fine save to keep the scoreline level. As the game went on Beaconsfield had more chances to take a deserved lead. In the 56th minute captain James Dobson played an inch perfect ball in, but it was headed agonisingly wide by striker Manu Oke-William. Larkhall had their chances too, hitting the post in the 55th minute.

As the game looked like it would finish 0-0, Larkhall's Ryan Beckinsale popped up with the goal to give them the win, scoring in the 86th minute.

Beaconsfield tried to find a reply, but the game crept away from them, with substitute Ben Tricker seeing red in injury time for a last man challenge.

Beaconsfield start their league campaign away at Stotfold tomorrow afternoon.

## CRICKET

## Bucks Women fall short

Bucks Women fell short in a thrilling Vitality Blast Division 3 League 1 Final against Wiltshire, losing by six runs.

Winning the toss, Wiltshire chose to bat first and posted 114 for seven from their 20 overs. Bucks responded with a spirited chase but ultimately closed on 108 for eight.

Skipper Cara Duggan was the standout bowler, finishing with 2-12 and wickets in consecutive balls.

Bucks began the chase confidently, opener Chloe Hill knocking 33 until her dismissal by Katherine Mills.

Duggan hit an unbeaten 24 runs, her innings keeping hopes alive until the end.

Bucks Women said the team 'can take great pride in their performance. Duggan's all-round display with both bat and ball exemplified strong leadership, while the team as a whole showed fight, discipline, and spirit under pressure.'

\*A young Bucks Mens side lost to Northants Steelbacks in their National Counties Showcase Game at Wantage Road.

Bowled out for 160, the hosts eased to a five-wicket victory with 4.1 overs to spare.

## FOOTBALL

## Generals pick up a former Arsenal youngster

Chesham United have confirmed the signing of defender Josh Dawodu from Royston Town.

The 24-year-old defender came through the Academy system at Arsenal, before joining Sheffield Wednesday for his professional contract, where he was a prominent player in the 2018/19 U18s double winning season, as well as a loan spell at Stalybridge Celtic in his first foray into senior football.

After leaving The Owls, Josh joined Hendon winning the Young Player of the Year award, before joining Brain-tree Town and then Wingate & Finchley. In February 2024, he joined Royston Town where he was a team mate of Samson Esan and Alfie Williams, leaving this summer to join the Generals.

The club praised Josh for his 'athleticism, composure in possession, and ability to get forward.'

## FOOTBALL

## Stop dog abuse in Morocco ahead of 2030 World Cup

Animal welfare campaigners are calling on football fans in Bucks to write to their MP and get their footballing heroes to do likewise, over the brutal mass killing of dogs in Morocco ahead of the 2030 FIFA World Cup.

The International Animal Welfare Protection Coalition (IAWPC), a global alliance of 27 animal charities including the RSPCA, Dogs Trust and PETA, is urging constituents to ask their MPs to raise the issue with Culture Secretary Lisa Nandy and put pressure on FIFA to take action.

It follows mounting international outrage over Morocco's ongoing extermination of its free roaming dog population, with shocking footage revealing animals being poisoned, shot and beaten in full view of tourists.

Among those backing the IAWPC's campaign are renowned wildlife broadcaster Chris Packham, music legend Gary Numan, and Downtown Abbey actor Peter Egan.

Legendary musician Gary Numan, said: "Dogs are loyal and loving, and this is a human-made problem, which is being dealt with in a way that dishonours not only these beautiful animals, but the people of Morocco.

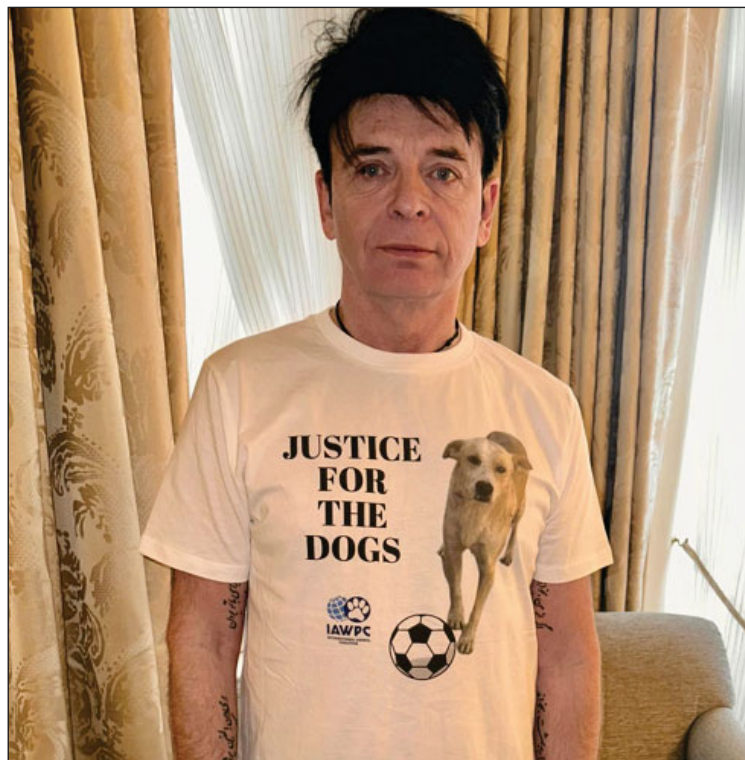
"To make matters worse, this is all in the name of football. Anyone who has ever thrown a ball for their own dog and anyone with a heart will understand how disgusting this is.

"Please join me in calling for the government of Morocco to urgently think again on this cruelty. And to call for FIFA to stipulate that if there is no humane treatment of animals, there will be no World Cup for Morocco."

Les Ward MBE, chairman of the IAWPC and long-time campaigner against animal cruelty, said: "We are appealing directly to compassionate people across Bucks and across the UK, to take a stand. This cruelty is being carried out in the name of the world's most popular sport – the so-called 'beautiful game'. That's not just wrong, it's obscene.

"The footballing world must show that this kind of brutality has no place within sport and will not be tolerated."

The IAWPC is calling for FIFA to make Morocco's World Cup hosting conditional on an immediate end to the brutal killing and replaced, with the immediate adoption of ethical, humane dog population management methods.



Gary Numan is backing the appeal



## Sport

## FOOTBALL

# Holmer Green keep up unbeaten run at Wembley but concede late

Holmer Green continued their unbeaten start to the season on Saturday, but points were again dropped late in a 1-1 draw at Wembley.

There were debuts for striker Tom Whitburn, and from the bench by winger Alistair Grass. Archie Witney and Adetola Baruwu dropped to the bench, and Ollie Saunders along with Mason Green were unavailable. Josh Peck was unwell. Callum Gray started after a computer malfunction of a County FA suspension issue was resolved in the morning.

The game was fairly open throughout, and Wembley looked very unsure at the back early on but their goal survived. The home side got more into the game as it progressed. The Greens were struggling to get meaningful ball forward to Whitburn and Sadibo Camara up front. Just before the break the home side should have gone ahead. But a tricky left wing run and low cross was somehow diverted wide by a profligate centre-forward, from just a few yards out.

Wembley made the first chance of the second half, but there were no takers in the middle for a very dangerous low cross. Both teams were guilty of giving up possession too easily with sloppy passing. Elias Lubbat became the second visiting player to be substituted as Theo Ransby had picked up a first half knock. Tola Suwara came on and was very quickly set up by Camara for close range shot. But rather like the chance at the same end just before half-time, the connection was tame. After more end-to-end play for the next twenty minutes, Whitburn showed good pace to get onto a through ball. Only to be taken out high, outside the penalty-area by the advancing home 'keeper. The Referee held

By John Anderson

off giving a foul because the ball dropped nicely to Camara who merely had to pass the stationary ball unchallenged into the empty goal from 20 yards. Whether he panicked or expected a challenge only he will know. But he kicked the ball goalwards unnecessarily forcefully and it sailed over the middle of the goal! The goalkeeper escaped with just a Yellow Card.

Oskar Esplund-Evans had already come on for his first appearance of the season, to add to his 92 previous appearances. He provided a cross from the right and played in Camara for another one; both which came to nothing for lack of movement in the middle. But on 81 minutes Esplund-Evans set up Gray for a pinpoint cross which picked out Whitburn at the far post. The debutant did the necessary and headed it firmly into the goal from very close range.

This should have been the clinching goal, but because of the earlier missed chance there were still over ten minutes to go. Holmer somehow let the home side back into the game, after picking up two more cautions making four in total during a mainly innocuous game. A failing which needs to be addressed if last campaign's good work is to be surpassed? Into stoppage time, Holmer actually had the ball in the far end right-wing corner. But sloppily not only let the home side out with the ball; but also allowed play to progress up the home left-wing. From there it was switched to the other wing where an overlap was not picked up, and the low cross was turned in at the near post for the leveler.



Holmer Green

## CRICKET

## Wycombe remain top with 156-run victory over mid-table Harefield

HIGH Wycombe remain clear at the top of the Division One table in the Home Counties Premier Cricket League after a 156-run win over mid-table Harefield.

The visitors won the toss and chose to field first.

While Billy Dodds was out for a duck in a less than stellar start for the hosts on their run chase, both Cameron Hemp (106) and AJ Woodland (101) celebrated centuries of their own while Dan Lincoln (45) and HD Ward (44) fell agonisingly short of their half centuries.

Declaring after 56 overs after setting a target of 323, it was a tall ask

for Harefield.

Dan Ogden gave it a good go, picking up a century, but none of his teammates could notch above 16 and it took less than 49 overs to complete the rout.

Conner Haddow claimed seven wickets for Wycombe in an impressive innings with the ball in hand.

Now 31 points clear of Finchampstead at the top of the table, the leaders travel to bottom side Wargrave on Saturday.

\*Gerrards Cross remain third in Division Two after a six wicket win over Oxford.

The hosts won the toss and elect-

ed to bat first, setting a target of 147 to win as Julian Laird (38) and Brendon Smith (35) top-scored for Oxford.

It was a team effort for Gerrards Cross in the chase, Hugo Hammond (45 n.o.), Matthew Pannett (36), Ben Spencer (31) and Chris Marrow (20) all chipping in to seal the win in the 42nd over.

33 points behind leaders Slough, Gerrards Cross host fourth-place Horspath on Saturday.

\*Bottom half battler Chesham were beaten by leaders Slough by just four wickets.

Slough won the toss and put the

hosts in to bat first, Kamran Khan top scoring with 30 as they set a target of 154.

It took the visitors 24 overs to earn the victory, Humza Ishaq (38), Mohammed Avas (34) and Vishnu Solanki (34) doing most of the heavy lifting.

Sat third from bottom, Chesham travel to second-place Wokingham on Saturday as the tough fixtures keep coming.

\*Berkshire are out of the NCCA T20 competition after losing to Dorset by 60 runs (177-6 - 117) in their Super-12s game at Wargrave last Sunday.

Dorset will join Norfolk, Northumberland and Oxfordshire at Wormsley on Sunday, August 24, when the two semi-finals and final will be played.

Skipped by former Slough star Dan Lincoln, Berkshire resume their Championship fixtures on Sunday when they host Herefordshire at the Falkland club in Newbury. Their previous two Western Division games ended in a draw.

Buckinghamshire take on Cambridgeshire at Chesham in Eastern Division One, looking to follow up their 119-run win over Suffolk last month.



# The Bantams edge out the Chairboys on opening day

**W**YCOMBE Wanderers began the new League One season with a 2-1 defeat against newly-promoted Bradford City at Valley Parade.

Antoni Sarcevic and Bobby Pointon both struck for the hosts in the opening 15 minutes, while Dan Udoh pulled one back to set up a tense finish.

Mike Dodds named four summer signings in his starting line-up – with Mikki van Sas, Dan Casey, Taylor Allen and Jamie Mullins all getting the nod – but the big talking point was the absence of last season's top-scorer Richard Kone.

The hosts raced out of the blocks, eager to build on their promotion back to the third tier, and took an early lead when Sarcevic nodded home. Van Sas had initially a fine save to deny Stephen Humphrys but Wanderers failed to clear their lines.

One of Wanderers' few openings in the opening 45 minutes came when Bradford lost possession in midfield and Alex Lowry was allowed to drive forwards, but he couldn't quite slip in Udoh.

The second half got off to a frantic start as Lowry's strike had Walker scrambling to his right but curled just wide of the post.

Humphrys was then played through on goal and tried to go round Van Sas, but he couldn't find the empty net from a tight



General view outside Bradford City Football Club. Picture: PA

angle.

Magnus Westergaard should have pulled one back before the hour mark after clever play by Mullins on the right, but he couldn't keep his shot down from close range.

Udoh did manage to get Wanderers back in the game, firing a clinical finish through the legs of Walker after Luke Leahy's clever free kick.

The hosts nearly restored their two-goal lead

instantly but Van Sas made another superb stop to keep out Humphrys' volley.

Substitute Bradley Fink had a chance to get Wanderers back level in the final stages after he was sent through on goal, but Walker rushed out and made a big save and the hosts held on to secure the points. Less than 10 minutes later, Bradford doubled their lead when Pointon picked out the

bottom corner with a low drive from the edge of the area.

The home campaign gets underway for the Chairboys on Saturday as Stockport County visit Adams Park. Off the back of a top six finish last season and an impressive summer window, expectations are high for the Hatters.

Dave Challinor's side visited HP12 on the final day of the regular season and walked away with a

3-1 victory, only to then lose to Leyton Orient in the play-off semi-final.

In the reverse fixture, Wycombe ran riot at won 5-0 at Edgeley Park, both Richard Kone and Fred Onyedinnma picking up braces that evening in November.

The club invited supporters to check out the newly-refurbished Monty's Bar ahead of kick-off, with places snapped up within three hours.

## CHAIRBOYS

### Dodds on 'exciting' times at Wycombe

Wycombe Wanderers boss Mike Dodds is very 'excited' about what the future holds at Wycombe Wanderers.

More season tickets than ever before have been snapped up ahead of Saturday's first home match of the season against Stockport County, both sides hurtling from May's play-off exit.

Back at HP12, Dodds wants to build on the Chairboys culture and make sure teams play to 'our rules' in 'our house'.

"Our House is really important, and we've spoken about it a lot internally and our culture," he said ahead of the visit of the Hatters. "It is Our House, and we have to create our rules when we take to the pitch.

"I appreciate that there was disappointment at the back end of the season, and nobody felt that disappointment more than inside this training ground. We wanted to win the first game of the season but that hasn't happened.

"If you try and take the emotion out of those things and look at it from a different viewpoint, we have a brand-new training ground, a style of play people can really see the direction, a brand-new pitch which hasn't been re-laid for over 20 years and a brand-new dressing room with dugouts. It's an exciting time with a younger team and developing young players.

"It's a really exciting time but we also have to win games of football, so hopefully we can do that at the weekend. We're really excited about what the future looks like, the players are really excited and have bought into what we are trying to do.

"The ownership group have been incredible in terms of the level of finance that has gone into the infrastructure."

12 players have come through the door so far this summer, including Connor Taylor and George Abbott this week, while star striker Richard Kone remains in town and eligible to feature on Saturday despite growing interest in the Player of the Season.

"Similar to what I said to the fans before the game at Bradford, there is still a huge amount of interest in Richard, but he is available this weekend," Dodds confirmed. "I wanted to be open and transparent before the game and I'll be open and transparent now. He had a clunky week leading up to Bradford and we felt we made the right decision. This week has been much more settled, he's trained every day and feels good, so he's available at the weekend."

## FOOTBALL

### Chairboys sign Rovers' Player of the Season

Former Bristol Rovers defender Connor Taylor has joined Wycombe Wanderers for an undisclosed fee.

The 23-year-old has made over 100 appearances for the Pirates since joining from Stoke City – initially on loan – in 2021.

He also has 18 Championship appearances under his belt while with the Potters but finished 2024/25 as the Player of the Season for Bristol Rovers as they were relegated to League Two.

Gas manager Darrell Clarke left him out of their squad on Saturday for the defeat to Harrogate Town due to the player submitting a transfer request.

According to The Bristol Post, the fee is expected to be more than the £300,000 they had paid for him in 2023 and will contain sell-on fees.

Head Coach Mike Dodds told the club website: "Connor is a brilliant capture for us and he's someone with really good

experience at this level, despite still being at a young age.

"He'll bring extra steel into the team as well as his height, ability on the ball and strong defensive attributes so we're delighted he's agreed to join us and look forward to working with him."

Director of Football Strategy and Data Intelligence Tom Stockwell added: "It's great to welcome Connor to the club. We wanted a centre-back with League One experience, size, aggression and desire to defend the box. With Connor we have all that.

"Connor showed his robustness and consistency playing over 3500 minutes last season. He is a big imposing physical presence who dominates in aerial duels and also has the technical and tactical qualities to excel in our game model. We are very happy to have Connor with us and believe he will be a key piece of the jigsaw in the squad we are building."



Taylor up against Hepburn-Murphy of Crawley Town. Picture: PA

# SPORT

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## Chairboys confirm arrival of impressive Spurs teen



George Abbott playing for Tottenham. Picture: PA

Wycombe Wanderers have announced a season-long loan deal for Tottenham Hotspur midfielder George Abbott.

The 19-year-old made 44 appearances on loan at Notts County last season, winning the EFL Goal of the Season and earning a place on the shortlist for the League Two Young Player of the Season.

Capped twice by England at under-19 level, he captained Spurs' under-21s to the Premier League 2 title in 2023/24 and also has one

senior appearance for Spurs.

Head Coach Mike Dodds told the club website: "George is a really exciting player in the middle of the park and we're delighted that he's made the decision to come here over other clubs to continue his progress in his career.

"He had an excellent loan spell last season and is a player we've known about for a long time in youth football, so to bring him here is another really positive step forward in our recruitment this summer."

Tom Stockwell, Director of Football Strategy and Data Intelligence, added: "George is an excellent player and we are delighted he has chosen to take his next step in development with Wycombe. On his first loan last season in League Two, George was a real standout performer making 42 league appearances and scoring some spectacular goals from midfield.

"Comfortable as a six receiving from the defence or higher up the pitch as a running number 8,

George gives us another option in the strong midfield group we already have here at the club. His high level of technical quality will aligns with the brand of football we are looking to play with this season.

"When taking a player on loan we want to add big value to the squad, which is what George brings and we are excited to see him in a Wycombe shirt."

He is eligible to make his debut in Saturday's clash with Stockport County.

## Dodds on Richard Kone and Bradford City defeat

**W**YCOMBE Wanderers head coach Mike Dodds hopes that Richard Kone has not played his final game for the club.

Kone was left out of the squad for the opening day defeat at Bradford City on Saturday and, ahead of kick-off, Dodds confirmed that "four or five offers" had been made from the EFL and abroad this week.

The 22-year-old forward, who netted 21 goals last season, has also been offered a new deal to stay at Adams Park.

When asked if Kone had played his final game in a Wanderers shirt, Dodds replied: "I hope not. Rich had a really kind of clunky week in terms of missed little bits.

"I have a really good relationship with Rich and as I said, the club have made him an offer to stay in terms of a new contract.

"I'm not involved in any of those discussions but I wanted to be honest with the fans and say, 'Look, we have had - I don't know what it is - four or five bids, it might be six.

"But for whatever reason it happens in football, it's just accelerated really quickly and we've had a huge amount of interest.

"I'll touch base with Rich on Monday when we're back in. My plan is he'll be involved at the weekend, so we'll see how the week goes."

Dodds admitted it was a tough decision to leave Kone out of the squad at Valley Parade as his side began the new campaign with defeat on the road.

"Of course it was a tough de-

By Dan Barnes

cision because I've got a good relationship with him, and Rich is a top player at this level and you want your best players on the pitch," he added.

"But it hasn't been a smooth week for him and obviously with the bids that are financially quite lucrative, what I didn't want to do was take that risk.

"As I said, the plan is that he'll be involved for Saturday, unless the club tell me otherwise."

Wanderers conceded twice in the opening 15 minutes against the Bantams, although Dan Udoh's second-half strike set up a nervy finish.

There were calls for a penalty in the final stages after Udoh's strike appeared to hit an outstretched arm, but they were waved away by referee Sebastian Stockbridge.

"I've seen it back, it's hit his hand and his hand's away from his body," said Dodds. "So my interpretation of it, it's a penalty.

"But I'll be honest, I don't actually know what the interpretation of the rule is now. I'm a head coach of a League One [club] and I've actually got no idea what the interpretation of the rule is!

"My impression was if your body's in an unnatural position and it hits your arm... But it is what it is.

"We've got more important things to worry about in terms of that first 20 minutes than a penalty decision that didn't go our way."



Mike Dodds spoke after Saturday's 2-1 defeat at Bradford City. Picture: PA

## Stockport 'one of the favourites' says Dodds

Wycombe Wanderers manager Mike Dodds believes Stockport County should be one of the favourites for promotion this season.

Both the Chairboys and Hatters were losing play-off semi-finalists last season, but boss Dave Challinor has led the club from the National League to the brink of the Championship and Dodds, who arrived from Sunderland last year, highlighted this 'stability' as a huge plus point for the Edgley Park side.

"In my personal opinion, they will be one off if not the favourites," he said ahead of Saturday's meeting at Adams Park. "What they have done is recruit well but they have stability in terms of the manager and playing style.

"They have had a really stable summer, the opposite to us but that's not a negative. We're in an evolution and a transition period, I don't think they are. "Having watched the game [win over Bolton Wanderers], I thought they were very professional in terms of the way they approached the game. They were good with the ball when they needed to be good with the ball, and I felt they defended well. It is going to be a really really tough game and we're fully aware of that.

"We're evolving into something I think will be really exciting and we have to brave in our approach, and we will be. We have some really good players so they will do their analysis on us, and they will say that there were parts of the Bradford game where we were a really good team. I'm looking forward to the game. It will be a big challenge but a challenge I want to step towards as a head coach."

Wycombe will want to bounce back from the opening day defeat at Bradford City, Dan Udoh on the scoresheet at Valley Parade.