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# Probe as gun fired in street STORY: Page 2

Suspect at-large after firing three residential street in Bucks.
Police say three shots were blasted when a car was driven into Dukes Wood Drive, Gerrards Cross just before midnight on July 31. shots at vehicle

#### By Timothy Edgley

AN investigation is under way after a gun was fired at a vehicle in a

A person got out of the vehicle and used a handgun to shoot at a vehicle parked on the driveway of





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### **FOOTBALL**

# Flackwell Heath tame the Lions



Flackwell's Man of the Match Jack Shakespeare. Image: FHFC

promoted London Lions in the opening match of the Southern League Central

It was the home side who came out strongest and it didn't take them long to take the lead, in the 13th minute it was no signing Jabir Laraba who latched onto a lovely through ball from Ryan Avery and score with a cool pinpoint finish.

With the pitch in superb condition Flackwell dominated the ball with some brilliant passing. The second goal came from some intricate link up play between Shakespeare and Laraba with the latter putting Matty Ayres clean through on goal who made no mistake in making it 2-0 in the 33rd minute.

The Heathens came out in the second half with the same desire to dominate the ball and although the Lions never gave in

minute after some good work from substitute Ayoub Igozouln to win possession he calmy slotted in Laraba who caressed the ball into the bottom right hand corner earning himself a brace.

Flackwell's man of the match Jack Shakespeare got the fourth in the 61st minute and killed off any hope for the Lions, Shakespeare beat the keeper to a loose ball with his head and then ran onto his own header to slot home into an empty net.

With the luxury of the four goal cushion Flackwell manager Chris Ayres was able to make all five substitutes in the remaining third of the game ensuring no early season casualties, with the scoreline and changes the game started to feel more like a pre season friendly but Flackwell were unlucky not to add more goals.

### **CHAIRBOYS** Dodds on Magnus'

attitude

WYCOMBE Wanderers head coach Mike Dodd has praised the attitude of record signing Magnus Westergaard, as he continues to adapt to English football.

The 27-year-old, who joined the Chairboys from Danish side Viborg in January for fee close to £1 million, has played two of the three games this season.

These were in the opening day 2-1 away league loss against Bradford City, where he played 81 minutes, and in the 1-0 away league cup victory at Levton Orient.

In the latter, he featured for the whole 90 minutes.

Speaking after the victory against Orient on August 12, Dodds said: "I have had this conversation with Mags because he had a difficult period last season.

"He came into a squad that was so big, it was performing to a point, he then picked up a serious injury, returned from his injury and then picked up an illnes

"It was a clunky period for him. "I have a good relationship with him as we speak quite often.
"With him, I have never ques-

tioned his technical ability, as it was mainly his physicality and ability to show us what he can show us in particular.

"The last 20 minutes in par-ticular, he looked so strong and

"I have had open and honest chats with Mags, as League One is a very powerful league because if he does that side of the game, he will have opportunities at this

### **FOOTBALL**

# Chesham United defeat the Magpies on opening day

CHESHAM United got their new season off to a fine start with a solid performance and 2-1 victory against a Maidenhead United side who were playing their first game since relegation from the National League, writes Andy Westlake.

Chesham were the better side for much of the first half at York Road, but the home side came back strongly in the second period only for Chesham to restore their lead shortly after conceding.

Chesham's team included three new faces in Alfie Young, Alex Babos and Josh Addae, plus four more among the seven substitutes Maidenhead's main threat came from set pieces, and they won a couple of corners early on, but Chesham's defence dealt with the threat with Ben Goode in commanding form in Chesham's goal. Chesham took the lead on 25 minutes - Alex Babos and Josh Addae combined on the left, a cross was cleared and Omar Rowe centred for Alfie Young to

score from close range. Late in the second half Maidenhead eventually drew level on 73 minutes when Josh Ume rah turned in a low cross from Liam Dulson. At that stage the home side looked the more likely winners, but Chesham retook the lead from a set piece of their own seven min-utes later. An Alex Babos corner was tipped away by home keeper Jordi van Stappershoef, but only as far as Callum Ade biyi who blasted the ball into the roof of the net (see right). Maidenhead came back and Manny Onariase headed on a Sam Barratt long throw, but Ben Goode saved comfortably. then late on Goode saved again from Josh Umerah who turned a left-wing cross towards goal. Full time and a terrific opening 3 points for The Generals.

Next up, the Men's first-team welcome Farnborough on Saturday at 3pm while the women get their FAWNL season under way with the visit of London Bees on Sunday at 2pm.



Chesham's Callum Adebivi smashes home for the win, Image: Neale Blackburn

## Ellie helps to keep up the successful run

BUCKS' Ellie Lichtenstein helped England win the Girls' & Boys' Home Internationals for a fifth consecutive year in Cork, Ireland.

On a dramatic final day, all eyes were on England and Scotland as the two battled it out for the combined trophy for a second successive year.

And, in an identical finish to the 2024 tournament, England would again beat Scotland 4-3 in the foursomes and 9-5 in singles to edge their bordering neighbours 13-8 for the title

The Red Rose, therefore, enjoyed a memorable week in the Emerald Isle, with the girls topping the leader board with three wins from three and the boys finishing second behind Scotland.

The result means England has won all five events since the amalgamated tournament began in 2021.

Starting on Tuesday, England also secured a 13-8 victory over Wales and an emphatic 14.5-6.5 victory over Ireland 24 hours later, before their final game triumph.

Picking up 23.5 points out of a possible 27, the girls stamped their authority in the singles. Winning 6.5 out of nine in the foursomes, the group would only lose 1 singles match out of 18, adding a mammoth 17 points to the total

The girls' staggering run of Home International titles continues, making it seven in a row since 2016 and 15 wins from the last 16 tournaments, with only Ireland in 2016 halting the run.

Charlotte Naughton (Longhirst Hall), Annabel Peaford (Walton Heath), and Elizabeth Wilson (Norwood Park) would all go 100 per cent winning all six of their matches (three foursomes and three singles).

"We wanted to win, but the performances across the board have exceeded expectations." concluded Clyburn. "To win 17 out of 18 is a considerable achievement, and everyone deserves the plaudits they receive.'

The boys, meanwhile, were led by the unbeaten Alex Boyes, who added 5.5 points out of six.

### **FOOTBALL**

### The Ducks awaiting first win of the new campaign

AYLESBURY United are waiting for their first win of the season two matches into the new Southern League Division One Central campaign.

On Saturday, the Ducks hosted Leverstock Green at The Meadow in Chesham and walked away with a point and clean sheet in a goalless draw.

However, Marlow inflicted a heavy 3-0 defeat on their visitors on Tuesday at the Alfred Davis Ground.

It took only five minutes for Seb D'Aversa to head the hosts into an early lead but despite all the pressure, it took until eight minutes from time for Mark Bartley's side to seal the victory with a pair of quickfire goals from Lugman Kas-

Without a match this weekend. Avlesbury travel to Milton Keynes Irish on August 23.

### **FOOTBALL**

### Oke-William is the Rams' hat-trick hero

BEACONSFIELD Town's Manu Oke-William netted a hat-trick in a 3-0 victory over Stotfold.

The Rams dominated the ball and found the breakthrough in the 16th minute from a perfectly delivered corner by Marcon. The ball ricocheted off the bar during a goalmouth scramble and Oke-William was quickest to react, smashing the ball home to give the Rams a deserved lead.

Only five minutes later, the Rams doubled their advantage. Udeh launched a pinpoint long pass to Dickson-Peters, whose clever flick found Oke-William again—this time heading in his second of the match.

Beaconsfield nearly made it three before the break when Kpogomouh broke through one v one with the keeper, but a last ditch tackle from the hosts denied him.

Stotfold came out with more urgency after the break, but Beaconsfield's counter-attacking threat remained potent.

Goalkeeper Welland, who was making his

senior men's debut, was called into action in the 65th minute, making a crucial save to preserve the two goal cushion.

Stotfold thought they had pulled one back in the 77th minute, but the assistant referee's flag was up early for offside.

The final word belonged to Oke-William. In the closing stages, Josh Stranks delivered a low cross with precision, and Oke-William made no mistake—slotting home his third of the day to seal a memorable hattrick.



Beaconsfield ahead of the 3-0 victory. Picture: Craig Anderson

### **FOOTBALL**

# Greens up to second with big win over Rising Ballers

HOLMER Green eased past Rising Ballers Kensington 6-0 to keep up their unbeaten start in Combined Counties Football League – Division One with a third successive home league win, keeping their unbeaten record in the process.

There will be harder games to come, but the current situation is encouraging. Holmer had been guilty in starting slowly in some games this season; in friendlies as well as in the league. Apart from at Penn, that is. This time they got off to a flyer and kept their foot on the gas, almost throughout, Again, the line-up was tweaked; with Harry Loakes getting just his second start, and Archie Witney not even in the matchday squad. Ollie Saunders returned as did Alex Colverd. Tom Whitburn felt a slight strain after the team-sheets were issued. He was replaced on the bench by Elias Lubbat, as the side now have ten days before the next match.

The opponents have had an influx from Shepherds Bush FC over the summer. Not just on the field, but in team management and administration too. They are unfortunate in having played two of the leading six clubs thus far, and already have a couple of draws under their belt.

As indicated above, Holmer got off to a bright start on 7 minutes. Josh Peck exploited hesitancy in the away defence and scored a fine goal from a tight angle. A few minutes a freekick given 40 yards out on Holmer's left was expertly placed over the goal keeper and under the crossbar. The keeper made amends several times in the following minutes by thwarting Saunders, Peck, and Colverd, in quick succession. The third goal did come on 25 minutes. Oskar Esplund-Evans surged over half the length of the field in front of the stand. He laid a good pass through to Saunders which evaded a lunging attempt at

#### **John Anderson**

interception. After sidestepping the next challenge Saunders scored with a well-placed low shot from 18 yards. The fourth goal was scored on 32 minutes. A right-wing corner to the far post was headed back across goal by Liam Butters. Peck showed his sharpness with a quick nod of the head. which sent the ball off the underside of the crossbar and over the line into the side-netting. The ball was quickly hacked away, but the match officials were not fooled.

The Greens started the second half like the original kick-off. Colverd had the ball in the away net within a min-ute, but was offside. Peck was well tackled when through, and Loakes had a fierce shot tipped over the bar. These near misses gave the visitors a lift, and for five minutes or so they asked Holmer some questions near the Spurlands End Road goal. But this did not escape the attention of the Greens' management team. And three substitutions swung the game quickly back in the home side's favour. Sadebo Camara, on the left, was looking too quick for the visitors. On 74 minutes, he cut in from the wing, and the goalkeeper could not hang on to his rasping shot at the near post. The ball squirmed out of his grasp, and Sadebo followed- up forcing the ball to Peck who tapped the ball over the goal-line for his third. The Greens kept the pressure up and were rewarded with a bizarre own goal on 82 minutes. Camara fed Lloyd Majaya, who cut in towards the goal. His hard cross prevented the 'keeper from coming out, but was too well struck for the centre half's chest to cushion it back to the custodian. It shot of the said chest, and into the goal at the near post from six yards out.



Holmer Green won 6-0

# CRICKET Home Counties cricket round-up

HIGH Wycombe remain top of the Home Counties Premier Cricket League Division One after their five-wicket victory over Wargrave on Saturday.

A clash which pitted the leaders against the hosts, who find themselves second from bottom, Wargrave were unable to pull off a shock and were the latest side to fall to defeat at the hands of Wycombe.

Winning the toss and electing to bat, Wargrave set a target of 157 from a little more than 53 overs.

Euan Woods was the standout with the bat in hand, posting 55 not out while Isaac Humphrey contributed 35 himself.

Max Uttley picked up four wickets for the table toppers, with Conner Haddow and Dodds also celebrating multiple wickets on the day.

It took 36 overs for Wycombe to seal victory, Harrison Ward topscoring with 46 runs from 59 deliveries while opener Cameron Hemp also chipped in with 37 from 46 balls.

Nilesh Bhandari and Mark Firth shared the Wargrave wickets, with the strugglers picking up seven points for batting and bowling despite suffering defeat.

spite suffering defeat.
Banbury are the next challengers for High Wycombe on Saturday, who now hold a 33-point advantage on second-place Oxford Downs.

Stoke Green held third-place Finchampstead to a draw as the hosts dropped further off the pace of the title challengers.

Finchampstead set a huge target of 302 after batting first, declaring in the 53rd over after Greg Smith (67), Dan Marles (55) and James Isbell (51) all posted impressive figures at the crease. Passikku Madusanka took five of the six wickets.

It was a real team effort for the visitors, with opener Chetan Sharma posting the best individual score of 41, but they held on to finish with 193 for eight after nearly 70 overs.

Remaining third from bottom, Stoke Green host bottom side Great Brickhill on Saturday.

\*In Division Two, Chesham fell to a seven-wicket defeat to secondplace Wokingham.

Chesham won the toss and put themselves into bat first, setting a target of 268 from their 58 overs.

Moiz Rana was the star of the show, celebrating his century as he recorded 101 off 135 deliveries.

However, Wokingham were able to surpass their visitors in the 50th over, Imran Malik (86) and Archie Carter (75) impressing.

They travel to third-place Horspath on Saturday, who had a good result themselves last week against Gerrards Cross.

The hosts set a target of 253 from 58 overs, Chris Marrow (86) and Matthew Pannett (60) leading the way in run scoring. However, Horspath overturned

However, Horspath overturned their hosts in the 47th over as Sravan Konidena smashed 130 runs.

van Konidena smashed 130 runs. They travel to second-from-bottom Falkland on Saturday.

# Injury-time own goal sends Wycombe into the next round

progressed nave progressed into the second round of the League Cup for the fifth consecutive season after a 1-0 away win over League One rivals Leyton Orient.

In a game which both sides could have won, James Tilley's low cross injury-time knocked into his own net by Os captain Jack Simpson, as Mike Dodds' men secured their first win of the season.

The Chairboys made eight changes to the side that lost 2-1 against Stock-port County over the weekend, with Dan Ca-sey, Fred Onyedinma and George Abbott being the only names to keep their place in the starting 11.

One notable name that began the contest in East London was Cam Stones.

The teenager, who joined the club's academy earlier this summer, made his presence known in the cup tie as he demanded the ball, had a few pop shots, went into challenges and got the odd ticking

off from the referee.

He was one of many
Wanderers players who stood out in the opening 45 minutes as Wycombe edged their League One

opponents.

Despite it being a second-string side, the Chairboys looked good going forward with Onyedinma, who was captaining the side, setting up Fin Back, whose shot was blocked off the line after five min-

From the resulting cor-



Wycombe's win over Orient was their first this season Image: Adam Davy

Alex Hartridge's looping header was again cleared off the line despite his appeals that his attempt had crossed the

Wycombe continued to dominate as Stones fired wide before the two Danes in Magnus Westergaard and Anders Hagelskjær, tried their luck but to no

For Orient, their best chances to go ahead came from Manchester United

loanee Jack Moorhouse, who forced Will Nor-ris into two comfortable

Charlie Wellens, son of the O's boss Richie, fired a deflected shot just over the bar, before Will Norris' clearance smashed into the oncoming Demetri Mitchell.

Thankfully, his mistake didn't cost Wanderers as the ball went wide of the mark.

Both sides went into the

break all square, but just 30 seconds into the second period, Wycombe had a glorious chance to take the lead.

A loose back pass found Stones, who rounded the keeper, with the ball eventually finding record sign-

ing, Westergaard.

He went for a first-time bending finish and smashed it into the sidenetting.

Wycombe continued to go forward as substitute

Armando Junior Quitirna fired wide on two occasions, whilst James Tilley

also went close.

And the latter would play a huge role in Wycombe's winner, as his cross was knocked into by Simpson in injury time to send Wanderers through.

The victory ends a run of seven games without a

Up next is a trip to Doncaster Rovers in the league on Saturday.

### **CHAIRBOYS**

## **Dodds** 'proud' after first win of the season

WYCOMBE Wanderers head coach Mike Dodds said he was 'proud' of his team's performance against Leyton Orient in the League Cup, as the Chairboys advanced into the second round.

In what was the first meeting between the two teams in the competition since August 1995, an injury-time own goal from Orient captain Jack Simpson sent the Adams Park team through as they won 1-0 at Brisbane Road.

It not only secured Wanderers' first win of the season, but also marked the fifth year in a row they have made it into the second round.

Dodds made eight changes to the side that lost to Stockport on Saturday, and he was pleased with their efforts.

He said: "Winning is very important, but we're at the start of something new for this football club.

"I always knew that this opening period was going to be very difficult for us in terms of the direction we want to go in.

"I've had six weeks with the group with 12 new players, so there is a huge amount of change, and it will take time to settle down and embed.

"I'm proud that we played a team that had so much intensity, and we continued to try and play [and not change

our style].
"To be in this position after six weeks is exciting."
When asked if the win

would be a morale boost-er after no wins in seven, which included six defeats, he added: "Not really.

"I spoke to the guys after Saturday to gauge the mood, as we had lost the opening two games, and they were polar opposite.

"Training has been bright and bubbly; they love the way we're trying to play and completely buy into it.

"The players took on the ball and tried to play, which gives me even more belief in what we want to do.
"In general, I thought

some of our play was good, but I thought it was brave too, which makes me feel proud."

### **FOOTBALL**

## Wycombe Wanderers lose home to Stockport

Wanderers extended their winless run to sever games in all competitions as they lost 2-1 at home to Stockport County.

In the first meeting between the two sides in just over three months, the Chairbovs began the stronger as Fred Onyedinma and Armando Junior Quitirna both had their fierce shots

Corey Addai in the Stockport goal then did brilliantly to thwart a Dan Casey header from a Luke Leahy cross.

However, it was the Greater Manchester side that took the lead through Kyle Wootton.

On nine minutes, Jack Diamond's cross was easily put away by the 28-year-old, who tapped in from close range to make it two goals in two

Boos were then heard at half-time as Wycombe again had a slow opening 45 minutes. Things then got worse as Stockport made it two inside the first few minutes of the second

effort which went in off the bar and post.

Wycombe were given a lifeline midway through the second period when Dan Harvie was fouled in the box, but Alex Lowry missed his penalty as he struck the inside of the post.

He did provide the assist for Jamie Mullins on 74 minutes as Wanderers pulled one back.

The Chairboys continued to push for an equaliser as Richard Kone, who has been linked with a move away from Adams Park, went close, along with Luke Leahy.

The result means Wycombe are one of six clubs to not pick up a point in their opening two

Additionally, it is the third season in a row they have lost their opening two league matches by the same scoreline (3-0 losses against Exeter and Lincoln in 2023,3-2 defeats against Wrexham and Birmingham in 2024 and 2-1 results against Bradford and Stockport). Attendance: 5.590 (861 away)



Alex Lowry missed a penalty when Wycombe were 2-0 down early in the second half. Image: James Manning

# Dodds: Garath McCleary a 'few more weeks away'



Wycombe Wanderers' Gareth McCleary (left) runs with the

WYCOMBE Wanderers head coach has provided an injury update on winger Garath McCleary.

The 38-year-old, who is now in his sixth season with the Chairboys, did not feature at all during pre-season.

His last outing came in the 1-0 second leg play-off semi-final loss against Charlton Athletic in May, where he featured for 87 minutes, being replaced moments after the Addicks got their winner.

His 52 appearances that campaign meant he triggered an automatic extension to remain at Adams Park for another 12 months, but no time frame has been given as to when he will return from his latest injury.

Speaking after the 2-1 away loss to Stockport County on August 9, Mike Dodds said: "Garath hasn't trained with the group yet, but he's on the grass and he's doing his running and rehabilitation and all of that.

"I don't have an exact time

frame, but, as he is not training with the group yet, I think he's still a few more weeks away."

Dodds also explained the omission of record signing Magnus Westergaard from the matchday squad against Stockport on Saturday.

The Dane started in the opening day 2-1 loss to Bradford City seven days earlier, where he missed a great opportunity to put Wanderers back in the game when two goals down.

He played 81 minutes at Valley

Parade and had been expected to feature in Wycombe's opening home game of the campaign, but was not involved in the squad.

The Chairboys' head coach explained: "Magnus had a little bit of a fractured week, but he should be available for Tuesday [against Leyton Orient in the

Carabao Cup].

"It will be an opportunity for us to look at him in a competitive environment and hopefully he will show us all the qualities we see on the training pitch."

# Kone's exit from club is officially confirmed

WYCOMBE Wanderers have confirmed the departure of striker Richard Kone to Queens Park Rangers.

The 21-year-old Ivorian leaves Adams Park after 18 months in Buckinghamshire, where he scored 25 goals in 74 matches, and departs for a club record transfer for the ex-Premier League club.

After scoring 125 goals in 148 games in four-and-a-half seasons at Non League Athletic Newham, Kone's name began to circulate across the football pyramid with Wanderers eventually signing the forward on New Year's Day 2024.

A goal on his debut against West Ham United's U21s in the EFL Trophy set the scene for what would be a very successful year-and-a-half in the Thames Valley.

This concluded in him securing both the EFL League One Player of the Season and Young Player of the Season in the spring of this year, as well as being included in the Team of the Year.

His 18 goals in the league

His 18 goals in the league helped Wanderers finish in the top six as they took part in their seven play-off campaign as an EFL side, but narrowly lost to Charlton Athletic in the semifinals.

Speaking on his exit, head coach Mike Dodds said: "It has been a real pleasure to work with Richard and have him as part of this squad during my time at the club so far.
"While we'll miss him both as

"While we'll miss him both as a player and as a person around the place, it's a great move for him, and he leaves with nothing but our very best wishes and appreciation for everything

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he's done for the club and the memories he's given to the supporters.

"His departure provides opportunities for other members of the squad as well as for new signings to take on the mantle of scoring goals for us, and we move forward continuing to work as hard as ever to bring success on and off the pitch for this club.

Chief Football Officer Dan Rice added: "Although we have made every effort to keep him at Wycombe by making a series of substantial contract offers, we understand and respect that he wants to progress his career at a higher level.

"We have been clear that we would only accept an offer for Richard or any player which is right for our football club, and in this instance, QPR have met our valuation, and agreed to a deal which entitles us to future payments based on Richard's success with his new club.

"We thank him for all his efforts and contributions here at Wycombe and wish him every success at QPR and for the rest of his career."

Following his move to West London, Kone will wear the number 22 shirt for the Hoops.

His last appearance for the Chairboys came in the 2-1 home loss to Stockport County on August 9.

Speaking on his transfer, he told the club's media: "I'm really excited. I've had a good preseason, I'm feeling fit, sharp, so I'm ready, ready to go."



Richard Kone scored 25 goals in all competitions for Wycombe between January 2024 and August 2025

# Another away day in the cup for Wanderers

WYCOMBE Wanderers will travel to League Two Bromley in the next round of the Carabao Cup.

The Chairboys entered the second stage of the competition following a late 1-0 victory against Leyton Orient, which was settled thanks to an injury-time own goal from O's captain Jack Simpson.

It will be the first-ever meeting between the two sides as members of the Football League, after several clashes in the Isthmian League between the 1950s and 1980s.

Bromley progressed into the next round after the Ravens defeated Championship side Ipswich Town on penalties following a 1-1 draw.

The second round will take place the

week commencing August 25.
The full draw is as follows:

#### Southern Section

Fulham vs Bristol City Norwich City vs Southampton Reading vs AFC Wimbledon

Millwall vs Coventry City

Wolverhampton Wanderers vs West Ham United

Swansea City vs Plymouth Argyle Bromley vs Wycombe Wanderers Cardiff City vs Cheltenham Town/

Cambridge United vs Charlton Athletic

#### Northern Section

Tranmere Rovers/Burton Albion vs Lincoln City

Accrington Stanley vs Doncaster Rovers

Stoke City vs Bradford City Wigan Athletic vs Stockport City

Burnley vs Derby County Sunderland vs Huddersfield Town/ Leicester City

Birmingham City/Sheffield Utd vs Port Vale

Preston North End vs Wrexham Barnsley/Fleetwood Town vs Rotherham United

Bolton Wanderers/Sheffield Wednesday vs Leeds United

Everton vs Mansfield Town Grimsby Town vs Manchester United