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## Man dies in M40 'hit-and-run' crash

### One accused of causing death in 'danger drive'

A MAN in his 20s has died after an alleged hit-and-run crash on the M40 that has seen five people arrested.

Emergency services raced to the motorway near Junction 2 for Beaconsfield in the early hours of Saturday.

A Volkswagen Golf car was involved in a crash with a blue Mercedes AMG C250 just before 1.15am.

The driver of the Golf, a man in his 20s, died at the scene.

His passenger, also in his 20s, suf-

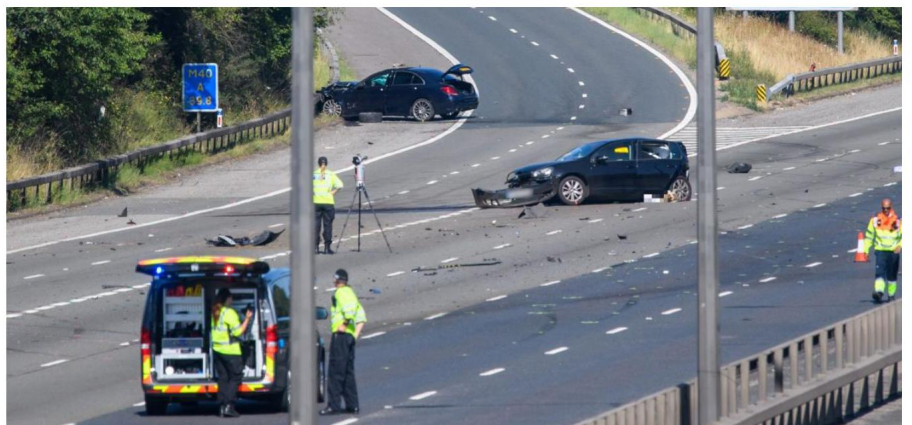
**By Timothy Edgley**

fered serious but not life threatening injuries.

Police investigated reports that four occupants of the Mercedes, two men and two women, made off on foot.

Five people have since been arrested with one appeared in court.

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## FOOTBALL

# Chesham Women fixtures are revealed



Chesham United's home, The Meadow

CHESHAM United Women now know their fixtures for the upcoming FAWNL campaign.

As they did last season, Chesham get a home tie to kick things off as London Bees visit The Meadow on August 17. London Bees finished fourth last season following relegation from The Southern Premier Division in 2023/24.

The week after, they're then in action in the FA Women's National League Cup.

This competition has a new format this year with the introduction of a group stage and entry of Professional Game Academy sides. Three group games will spread through August and September with our opponents yet to be announced.

Their second league game sees them travel to Dulwich Hamlet on August 24.

AFC Sudbury visit The Meadow on Sunday, August 31.

In September, Chesham travel to QPR who have strengthened over the summer and then host Cambridge United at home.

Luton Town, Fulham and MK Dons have recently joined the league, as well as Norwich City turning full-time.

MK Dons' visit to The Meadow brings the curtain down on the campaign on April 26, with both sides hoping to have something to play for come matchday.

They travel to Newport Pagnell this Sunday for pre-season match two.

## WANDERERS

# King not expected to join

WYCOMBE Wanderers' pursuit of Rangers' Leon King seems to have fallen through.

The Free Press, as well as several other outlets, reported earlier this month that the 21-year-old was set to join the Adams Park team after positive discussions between the two clubs, with a fee being agreed.

He was set to move to Buckinghamshire in a bid to play regular first-team football, after featuring 41 times for the Scottish outfit since 2020.

King spent the second half of last season on loan at Scottish Championship side Queen's Park, where he featured in nine games.

He also recently played in Rangers' home friendly against Club Brugge on July 6, which finished 2-2.

However, the Free Press is led to believe the deal has collapsed at the final stages when discussing personal terms.

Wanderers, who are looking to rebuild after missing out on a place in the Championship last season following their play-off semi-final defeat to eventual winners Charlton Athletic, have already signed seven new players this summer.

If he were to have signed for Wanderers, he would have reunited with former Rangers teammate, Alex Lowry.

## FOOTBALL

# Aylesbury Utd confirm the arrival of four new faces

AYLESBURY United have confirmed four new players for the upcoming season - including a former Fulham youngster.

Princewill Madu arrives having previously played in the town for Aylesbury Vale Dynamos. Featuring in Saturday's friendly with Buckingham, the Ducks reached out to ensure his stay is more permanent.

In-form forward London Brookshaw arrives in Aylesbury after netting 31 goals in 38 appearances for Wealdstone Under-23 and British Airways last season.

Goalkeeper George Zammit has played locally, namely Chalfont St Peter and Aylesbury Vale Dynamos, but had enjoyed a spell in Malta with Lija Athletic.

Finally, former Fulham youngster Leandro Jardim arrives after scoring in every pre-season fixture for the Ducks to date.

## BOWLS

# Marlow battle the elements to reach the knockout stage

THE Marlow Men's Bucks Cup team have continued to play well getting to the knock-out stage where they played against Chandos Park in heavy rain.

Unfortunately, they lost but will now play in the quarter final of the Plate next weekend (July 20).

On the same day, Marlow Ladies will be playing in the quarter final of the County Trundell competition. This is the first time for a number of years that Marlow has reached the quarter final of these events.

On Friday, July 11, in the County Men's Singles, Jack Eliot won his quarter final 21-10 and is through to the semi-finals. Ann White has played great games in the County Ladies singles but lost in her quarter final against a very experienced County and National player.

In recent friendly games

against Maidenhead Town (away) the ladies won a two-rink match by 33 shots to 24, top rink was won by Ann White 23-4 playing with Margaret Day and Mags Shelley. At home Marlow had a tough five rink mixed game against Bassettsbury losing 56-77; the only winning rink (12-14) was skipped by Peter Burgess, with Roy Sandalls and Robyn Whitaker.

In the annual Ladies V Gentlemen game played on the morning of July 12, in very hot conditions, the game swung back and forth with the ladies ahead after 5 ends, the men ahead at 10 and 15 ends by just one shot, but the ladies won 87-79 with top rink won by Pam Butler (23-10) with Clare Clark and Fliss Rees. Top rink for the men was skipped by Michael Clark (17-8) with Roy Sandalls and Karl Schrader.



Marlow Bowls Club

# Rangers pay tribute to club's 'beating heart'

RISBOROUGH Rangers have paid tribute to 'the beating heart of the club', Peter Boland, after his death.

Taking charge of the Under-13s in 1979, his association with Rangers spans five decades and helped establish the club's reputation for nurturing talent.

In 1983, Peter, alongside his great friend Mike McCormack, took a group of 16-year-olds into senior football as the Rangers' reserve

side in the Wycombe & District League, Peter's team achieved four consecutive promotions, claiming two league championships and multiple cups - including a remarkable treble in the 1984-85 season.

In the late 1980s, as others assumed management duties, Peter became club chairman and undertook the enormous task of delivering a clubhouse that would serve as the heart of the club.

"During his tenure as chairman and throughout his involvement in every aspect of club life, Peter made friends wherever he went," a club statement read. "He often said that his happiest days were spent with the players, not just as a manager, but as a friend. That bond never faded. Even thirty years later, he remained close with many of those he had coached, and they, in turn, continued to hold him in the highest regard."

"Peter Boland was more than a manager, chairman, or clubman - he was the beating heart of Risborough Rangers during some of its most transformative years. His legacy lives on not only in the trophies and the buildings but in the friendships, community spirit, and enduring love for the club he helped build."

"We are forever grateful, Peter. You will be deeply missed - but never forgotten."



Sport

FOOTBALL

Ibe could be headed for spell in Sweden

A FORMER Wycombe Wanderers wonderkid is reportedly on trial with a team in Sweden.

Jordan Ibe, who played 11 times for the Chairboys during the 2011/12 season when he was just 15 years old before moving to Liverpool, could join Umeå, who are currently bottom of the country's second division.

According to the English Players Abroad X page, the winger is currently in the Scandinavian country, and is set to feature in a friendly match this weekend.

Umeå have yet to win a match all season from their 14 games so far.

For Ibe, he last played competitively for Hungerford Town at the back end of the last season.

Since leaving Wanderers at the start of the previous decade, Ibe made 58 appearances for Liverpool and scored four goals across four seasons, whilst also enjoying two loan spells at Birmingham City and Derby County.

During his time at Anfield, he was a regular in Jurgen Klopp's first season at the club, as he played 27 times

in the league.

A move to Bournemouth followed in 2016, where he played 92 times and scored five goals in five seasons with the South Coast outfit.

However, since 2020, Ibe has taken some time out of the game to focus on his mental health and in 2021, he admitted to suffering from depression.

After a period away from football, Ibe has since represented Derby for a second spell, and Adanaspor in Turkey, before playing for Ebbsfleet United and Hayes & Yeading United.



Jordan Ibe played 11 games for Wycombe. Image: PA

FOOTBALL

Leyton Orient sign former Chairboy Tyreeq Bakinson

By James Richings

WYCOMBE Wanderers have confirmed the departure of midfielder Tyreeq Bakinson to fellow League One rivals Leyton Orient for an undisclosed fee.

The 26-year-old spent one season with the Chairboys and played 34 times in all competitions, but failed to secure a permanent place in the team.

His best run of games in the light and dark blue quarters was between August and September, and November and December, where on two separate occasions, he played in eight consecutive matches.

He featured sporadically under Mike Dodds and with Caolan Boyd-Munce and Magnus Westergaard ahead of Bakinson in the Wanderers central midfield department, Bakinson's days in South Buckinghamshire this summer were always going to be numbered.

Speaking on his move to the capital, Bakinson told the Orient media team: "I'm delighted to get it over the line and be here with the boys. I'm really excited to get started for the season.

"The first session was tough in this heat, but the manager wants the fitness and intensity from his teams, and it was really good to start getting used to what the staff want from us."

Head Coach Richie Wellens said: "Tyreeq is someone I have wanted to sign for a long time now, and we're buzzing to have him on board.

"Technically, he's an excellent player, and he's coming into an age now where we feel he is ready to hit the peak of his abilities.

"We wanted to sign him last summer and with us recently losing a couple of midfielders, we needed someone of Tyreeq's ability to come in and fill that void.

"We're confident that he can bring real athleticism and tenacity into our midfield, and I'm excited to see what he can do in an Orient shirt."

He is Orient's sixth new face to arrive this month, following the likes of Killian Cahill, Demetri Mitchell, Michael Craig, Idris El Mizouni and Aaron Connolly respectively.

The midfielder has flown out to Spain to meet up with the Orient squad and could feature in Friday's pre-season friendly against Pafos FC.

He could feature against Wycombe in what will be the second competitive game of the EFL season, as Orient will host Wanderers at Brisbane Road in the first round of the League Cup on August 12.

Bakinson has signed a three-year contract with the Os.

Reading are keen on West Ham United forward Gideon Kodua, according to reports.

The 20-year-old captained the Hammers' Under-18s to FA Youth Cup glory in 2023 but is yet to make a first team appearance for the Premier League side.

Spending the last 18 months on loan in League One with Wycombe Wanderers, Kodua has scored twice in 30 appearances.

Only two of his 20 appearances last season came from the start with the Chairboys, playing 23 minutes as the Royals beat Mike Dodds' team 1-0 in April.

According to Football Insider; Luton Town, Reading, Leyton Orient, and Stevenage have all shown their interest so far this summer.



Tyreeq Bakinson has left Wycombe. Picture: PA

RUGBY

Chinnor host Lions party to raise funds

RUGBY Championship club Chinnor RFC is rallying support as they aim to raise £75,000 to meet essential standards for the upcoming season.

As part of their ongoing fundraising campaign, the club is hosting a British & Irish Lions watch party at their ground – and Howden Aylesbury is proud to be supporting the event as part of its wider commitment to grassroots rugby.

As a Principal Partner of The British & Irish Lions, Howden Insurance is not only backing community level activities and supporting the grassroots game, but also hosting a series of exciting events to celebrate the squad as they take on teams across Australia.

On Saturday, July 19, as The British & Irish Lions take on the Wallabies, the Howden Aylesbury team will join Chinnor Rugby Club at the Members' Bar for a raffle to raise money for the club, with British & Irish Lions prizes including a signed ball and jersey, a hamper giveaway, and pints courtesy of the Howden team.

Matthew Lansley, from the commercial team at Howden Aylesbury, said: "We're thrilled to share in the excitement of The British & Irish Lions with our local community. Rugby brings people together, and as a Principal Partner of The British & Irish Lions, we're proud to help bring that spirit to life locally with events that everyone can enjoy, as well as supporting Chinnor RFC with a donation scheme in branch.

"This is more than just a chance to watch the first test – it's an opportunity to support Chinnor RFC and grassroots rugby and celebrate the legacy of the game. It's important to recognise the incredible work of local clubs who play such a vital role in developing the sport. We can't wait to welcome everyone and be part of this historic tour in our own way with Chinnor RFC."

Nick Stainton, Chairman at Chinnor RFC said: "British & Irish Lions tours are so special and live long in the memories of all involved. Whether you're in Australia or watching at home everyone is right behind the squad and looking forward to seeing who makes the Test sides. Henry Pollock has certainly grabbed the attention of youngsters around England, and we hope to see plenty of support down at the club.

"Regarding Chinnor, we need to keep improving and meeting new higher standards of infrastructure so we're raising vital funds to do this with the help of everyone connected with the club. Your support would be much appreciated."

In addition to the events, Howden branches across the UK are working with their local rugby clubs, running community boot exchanges and honouring Lions Origin clubs who have shaped the past, present – and future – of the Lions by producing and guiding players through their rugby journey. These clubs will be presented with a commemorative plaque honouring their contribution to the sport.

# Dodds reveals he wanted Jasper Pattenden to stay

IT has been revealed that Mike Dodds wanted right-back Jasper Pattenden to remain at the club.

The 23-year-old, who played 41 times for Wycombe following his arrival from Worthing in 2022, departed earlier this month for fellow League One outfit, Stevenage.

This occurred on the same day the Hertfordshire-based team announced ex-Chairboys striker Beryly Lubala as one of their other new signings.

Speaking after the 1-0 friendly defeat against Sutton United on July 15, Dodds admitted that the current squad 'will need trimming' but confirmed that he had wanted Pattenden to remain at Adams Park.

Speaking on his exit, he said: "I'm happy with the squad, but there will be some players who will want to go and play, with Jasper being one of them.

"I wanted him to stay, but he is at that age where he wants to play, and quite rightly so.

"We had an honest conversation, and I was happy with it, as he wants to play 40-plus games, and I couldn't guarantee that.

"He is at that stage of his career where he wants to do that, and I wish him all the best.

"Did I want him to stay? Of course, I would, but the reality is that I couldn't guarantee him the game time, and he's decided to move on.

"He's been a great servant, and he's an unbeliev-



Jasper Pattenden wanted guaranteed game time. Image: Bradley Collyer

able human being.

"I will be honest with the players and I will be honest all the way through – some players will want to be part of what's going forward and others won't.

"With Jasper, he wants to play 40 games and morally,

I can't stand in his way."

At the time of writing, Wanderers have signed nine players this summer, along with multiple new faces that have joined the newly formed academy.

However, some names are set to leave South Bucking-

hamshire before the end of August, with at least five first-teamers expected to depart.

Dodds continued: "We will trim the squad down as we won't carry the same number of players as we did last year because that was hard

to manage at times.

"There will be more like that who want to play, as I have a good relationship with the players, and there haven't been many fallouts.

"It'll just be a decision on whether they will be a part of this squad."

## FOOTBALL

### Wycombe lose to Sutton in friendly

WYCOMBE Wanderers' first public pre-season friendly of the summer saw them lose 1-0 against National League side Sutton United.

Days after the Chairboys lost 6-1 against Premier League outfit Brighton & Hove Albion in a behind-closed-doors match, Mike Dodds opted to play two starting 11s in the non-competitive fixture at Gander Green Lane.

New signings such as goalkeeper Mikki van Sas, centre back Taylor Allen, winger Armando Junior Quitrina, central midfielders Caolan Boyd-Munce and Jamie Mullins all played the opening 45 minutes, and it was one of the summer acquisitions that nearly gave Wanderers the lead.

On two minutes, Boyd-Munce's bending shot was easily caught by Jack Sims.

Wanderers looked comfortable but didn't penetrate Sutton, who are preparing for a second straight year in the Non League.

Record-signing Magnus Westergaard and new-boy Quitrina looked sharp on the right flank on several occasions, before the latter fired over a free-kick on the edge of the box.

Jack Grimmer cracked a shot wide whilst Dan Udoh tried his luck, but to no avail.

For the Amber Army, Harry Phipps had their best chance as his close-range header hit the post.

Both sides make wholesale changes at the break as more first-teamers, along with academy players gained valuable minutes.

Richard Kone, James Bery, Alex Lowry and James Tilley had multiple efforts on goal but the score remained goalless.

Down the other end, Kane Crichlow decided to try his luck, but his attempt was brilliantly saved by Shamal George.

He then got himself on the scoresheet with three minutes left on the clock with a tidy close-range finish.

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## INJURY UPDATE

### Sidelined Harvie close to making a return

MIKE Dodds has provided an injury update on left-back Dan Harvie.

The 27-year-old Scotsman, who signed for the Chairboys 12 months ago from Milton Keynes, hasn't featured for the club since hurting his knee in the 1-0 away defeat at Birmingham City on March 1.

It had been hoped he might have returned before the end of the season, but this was deemed to be too soon.

He has yet to feature for the Chairboys this summer during pre-season, as he sat out the defeats against Brighton & Hove Albion on July 12 and Sutton United on July 15, respectively.

However, Dodds has confirmed Harvie is close to a return, but no specific date has been set.

Speaking after the loss versus Sutton, he said: "Dan Harvie is back in training, but he is on a modified programme. We felt it was a bit too risky to involve him against

Sutton, but he is training.

"He's not doing the same as everyone else in terms of volume, but he's very close and he's not a million miles away from being near the team on a full-time basis."

In the loss at Gander Green Lane on July 15, eight of Wycombe's nine new faces got minutes apart from new striker Bradley Fink.

Speaking on his exclusion, Dodds explained: "Bradley is the same in terms of having a slightly modified programme.

"There are no concerns in terms of the first game of the season, and hopefully he'll feature in one of the games coming up,

"But one thing I wanted to do was to increase the volume of the work that we did, and he's one that we're managing as he's a bit stiff and sore."

Up next for Wanderers is Cheltenham Town at Whaddon Road on July 19.



Daniel Harvie challenged by Blackpool's Rob Apter



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## Henderson is Chairboys' eighth summer signing



Ewan Henderson (pictured with Celtic in 2021) has joined Wycombe Wanderers

WYCOMBE Wanderers have confirmed the signing of midfielder Ewan Henderson from Belgian side Beerschot.

The 25-year-old former Celtic and Hibernian man arrives in South Buckinghamshire as the club's eighth new face to be secured this transfer window, where he will wear the number 20 shirt, which was last worn by Cameron Humphreys.

He began his career with the Bhoys, playing 12 first-team

games, scoring once, across five seasons.

Loan spells at Ross County, Dunfermline Athletic and Hibernian followed before joining the latter permanently in 2022.

He would then spend the 2023/24 season on loan at Oostende in Belgium's second-tier before signing his signature 12 months ago.

Speaking on the transfer, Dodds said: "Ewan's an

energetic midfielder who's had a great start to his career in the top flights in Scotland and Belgium, and gives us another dimension in the middle of the park.

"He's played a lot of football in the past three years, which stands him in good stead to come here and hopefully hit the ground running as he integrates into the squad in pre-season."

Director of Football Strategy Tom Stockwell added: "At just

25, Ewan already has experience in the top divisions in Scotland and Belgium, and we feel again it's a strong statement of the direction we are going to be able to attract such a player to the club."

Henderson joins James Tilley, Dan Casey, Caolan Boyd-Munce, Armando Junior Quirina, Taylor Allen, Bradley Fink and Mikki van Sas as Wanderers' new signings so far this summer.

## Dodds is relaxed despite losing 1-0 in pre-season friendly game

WYCOMBE Wanderers' head coach Mike Dodds has revealed he is 'very relaxed' ahead of the new season despite a 1-0 away friendly loss against Sutton United.

In what was the Chairboys' first public non-competitive match of the summer, the Adams Park team fielded two starting 11s in each half against the Non League side.

In the opening period, Caolan Boyd-Munce's bending shot was easily caught by Sutton keeper Jack Sims, whilst Armando Junior Quirina and Magnus Westergaard also went close.

The second period saw James Berry, Alex Lowry, Richard Kone and James Tilley all try their luck to no avail, and with three minutes remaining, Kane Crichlow won the game with a neat finish for the Amber Army.

Crichlow, coincidentally, had a trial with Wycombe two summers ago.

Speaking at full-time, Dodds said: "It's one of those where you don't want to get too overly emotional with it, as I am asking the players to do a lot of new things, and we're only two-and-a-bit weeks into the process.

"I think it was the same as Saturday [in a behind-closed-doors match against Brighton & Hove Albion which finished 6-1 to the Seagulls], where there were bits I liked and bits I didn't like.

"The first-half team [against Sutton] I felt did structurally what I wanted them to do, but probably, the tempo was slightly off.

"I think it's also worth saying we have got an incredible fitness programme here, and in one of the sessions, the players ran nearly six kilometres, so I

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wanted to come into the game a bit fatigued.

"For the second-half team, I wanted to try something different, and it didn't work.

"Normally, on a Saturday, you'd tweak a few things, but I decided to leave it and play it out.

"Overall, it was a competitive game, it was everything we wanted, and if we have three or four of them before August 2, I'll be a happy man."

Wycombe will start the new season away at Bradford City, which will be their first league visit to Valley Parade in seven years.

It is not known what formation the Chairboys will line up with in West Yorkshire as Dodds is still experimenting with his squad, as he wants to improve on the club's possession tactics.

He explained: "I want to adapt to the in possession play, and we're on track with some of the stuff.

"Anyone coming to watch us will see a different style, but he execution will take time.

"It doesn't happen over a short period, and August 2 isn't going to be exactly how I want it to look, but it will look closer to how I want it to look.

"We want to have a style of play to win games of football and develop young footballers.

"It's trying to get that balance - Some things take time, and tonight [against Sutton], there were some things I liked and some things I didn't like, and I'd rather iron out those things now."



Wycombe Wanderers manager Mike Dodds says the side is 'on track'. Image: Steven Paston/PA

## Wycombe pair join Stevenage on same day

STEVENAGE have completed the signings of right back Jasper Pattenden and striker Beryly Lubala from Wycombe Wanderers.

Lubala, who played 49 times and scored 12 goals for the Chairboys between January 2024 and May 2025, was released this summer and joins the Boro on a free transfer.

One of his strikes in a Wanderers shirt came against the Hertfordshire-based team on Boxing Day last year, in a game which Wycombe won 3-0.

Lubala joined the Chairboys after spending six months at Burton Albion.

Additionally, Pattenden ends his three-year stint in South Buckinghamshire as he, too, has moved north of the Chilterns.

Following his transfer to Adams Park in the summer of 2022 from Non League Worthing, he played 41 times for Wycombe.

Speaking on his exit, Pattenden said: "I just want to say a massive thank you to everyone associated with the club over my three years at Wycombe.

"The players, staff and of course the fans for making me feel so welcome.

"What a journey it's been, and I will always be grateful for everything the club has done for me."