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# Pensioner fights park fine 'error'

## Sainsbury's free parking sign ignored

A PENSIONER was surprised to get a parking fine despite not going over the allocated time at a High Wycombe supermarket.

Mark Stinchcombe, 65, parked at the Sainsbury's Dovecot store in January. He noticed a sign said 'four hours free parking', but later received a penalty of £195.

Shocked, he alerted those in charge to quash the fee, believing it was an error; only to have the figure increase to £245, including a court

**By James Richings**

fee of £50. He has since contacted Popla (Parking on Private Land Appeals), Euro Car Parks, and former MP Steve Baker, for help.

He said: "Free parking is allowed from time to time in this car park. Normally the cost of parking for an hour is less than £2. I took a photo of the sign on my mobile phone."

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# Sport



Bloomfield had celebrated a decade with Wanderers



It was a sea of light and dark blue at Adams Park as thousands descended on South Buckinghamshire

## Mr Wycombe's one-off game was 10 years ago this week

THIS week marks the 10th anniversary of Matt Bloomfield's Wycombe Wanderers testimonial against Premier League big guns, Chelsea.

It was a sea of light and dark blue at Ad-

ams Park on July 16, 2014, as thousands of Chairboys fans and supporters of the West London side descended to South Buckinghamshire to see both teams in action.

Bloomfield, who was 30, had celebrated

a decade with Wanderers the previous December; having featured in 325 competitive appearances for the club ahead of the fixture against Jose Mourinho's men who won 5-0.



Gareth Ainsworth presents Bloomfield with a signed photo



Gareth Ainsworth shakes hands with Jose Mourinho



Mr Wycombe received a rapturous welcome when he led his team out in front of 7,774 people



John Terry embracing Bloomfield

# Buckinghamshire rescue a draw after another slow start

FOR the second successive National Counties Championship match, Bucks recovered from a poor first innings to secure a comfortable draw when they played Eastern Division 1 opponents Suffolk at Tring Park.

Choosing to bat first, Suffolk reached 297 all out on an easy-paced pitch thanks to half-centuries from Alex Oxley (92) and George Rhodes (87). Spinner Conner Haddow took 4-90, while there were tidy spells from Cameron Parsons and Ed Bragg.

As has happened so often this season, the Bucks top order failed as they slipped to 36-3 in reply.

Vansh Jani, in only his second Championship game, and Alexei Kervezee restored the situation with a stand of 49, before Jani was unluckily dismissed for 42 when a straight drive from Kervezee was deflected on to the stumps to see him run out at the bowler's end.

After Kervezee was dismissed for 60, the innings folded and they were all out 137, a deficit of 160. To general surprise, considering the uncertain weather forecast, Suffolk did not enforce the follow-on.

Batting again, the visitors reached 136-3 by the close of the second day, which was curtailed by more than two hours by rain.

On the third morning, Suffolk added 91 in 55 minutes before declaring at 227-7. Opener Darren Ironside made 88 while Had-



It was another slow start for Buckinghamshire

dow picked up another four wickets.

Bucks were set a big target of 388 in 87 overs. Cameron Hemp, thanks to some stunning offside shots, and Michael Wells put on 96 for the first wicket at four an over to give the reigning champions an outside chance of victory.

However, at 103-1 from 30 overs, a torrential shower halted play.

The delay of nearly

three hours ended Bucks's hopes of victory. The teams returned with 15 minutes of play left plus a minimum of 17 overs in the last hour.

There was little chance of either side forcing a victory but it gave Hemp the chance to complete a magnificent century, his unbeaten 103 coming off just 109 balls with three sixes and 15 fours.

Once he had completed his ton, the captains decid-

ed to call a halt with Bucks on 150-1 after 38 overs.

All four games in this division have now ended in draws, so Bucks still have plenty to play for when they next play Bedfordshire at Flitwick from August 11th-13th.

However, before then Bucks have a highly attractive showpiece game against Leicestershire at Grace Road next Monday, starting at 11am.

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## FOOTBALL

### Who and when for Chesham

CHESHAM'S fixtures for their upcoming Vanarama National League South season have been revealed.

It's the first time the Generals will be partaking in the division following their promotion in the spring.

The campaign begins away to Eastbourne Borough on Saturday, August 10.

The first month of the season includes six fixtures with the visit of relegated Boreham Wood and other tough fixtures expected including a Bank Holiday feast with a local derby with St Albans City at Clarence Park and Torquay United visiting the Meadow.

The Bank Holiday fixtures for 2024/25 are:

- St Albans City (A) – August 24
- Torquay United (H) – August 26
- Slough Town (A) – December 26
- Hemel Hempstead Town (H) – January 1

• Hemel Hempstead Town (A) – April 18

- Slough Town (H) – April 21

Chesham make the longest trip of the season to Truro City's new ground on November 23, with a 570-mile round trip.

They will conclude the regular season with a visit to relegated Dorking Wanderers on Saturday, April 26, with the trip to Plainmoor to face Torquay United being the first of the run-in on Saturday, April 5.

Visit the club's website for a full list of fixtures.

## GYMNASTICS

### Arriving back home

CHILTERN Gymnastics athletes returned from the IAGC World Championships in Orlando Florida after a very successful competition.

Competing in their various levels, Annabelle Trier Poulsen was awarded a bronze medal in the floor exercise final.

Joanna Snelling received a bronze for her performance in the vault final whilst Lois Snelling, Maya Raja and Jessica McMullen all produced personal best performances.

Ruby Wright, who is a silver-level gymnast upgraded to the gold-level competition on the floor exercise and became the club's first gold finalist at the IAGC World Championships, finishing in a magnificent 4th place.

The club is hoping for continued success in next year's championships. Photos left to right: Annabelle Trier Poulsen, Joanna Snelling, Lois Snelling, Jess McMullen, Ruby Wright, Maya Raja.

## CRICKET

### Tylers Green School's summer to remember

TYLERS Green Middle School is thrilled to announce the outstanding achievements of its boys' and girls' cricket teams, who both emerged victorious in the Buckinghamshire County Cricket Dynamos Finals on July 4 at Dinton Cricket Club.

This incredible feat follows their triumph in the Wycombe District competition in June, marking a rare and prestigious double win for the school.

Both teams displayed remarkable skill and determination, navigating through fiercely competitive groups to reach the semi-finals.

The boys' team, in a particularly thrilling match against Amersham, secured a nail-biting 1-run victory, showcasing their resilience and teamwork.

The TGMS girls' cricket team shone brightly in their final, winning by 12 runs. Their victory was a testament to their excellent fielding, catching, batting, and

bowling. The team's skilful performance and unwavering spirit were key to their success, making them deserving champions of Buckinghamshire.

The boys' final against Haddenham was a gripping encounter, showcasing the excitement of cricket.

Requiring four runs off the last delivery to tie, Jack Wood, the closing batsman, dramatically pulled the last ball for 6 runs over backward square.

This extraordinary moment sparked jubilation among the players and supporters, sealing their championship win in spectacular fashion.

Both teams' achievements are particularly significant, highlighting the rarity and prestige of having both boys' and girls' teams crowned Buckinghamshire Champions in the same year. Their success is a source of immense pride for the entire TGMS community.



The match took place earlier on this month

## Sport

## FOOTBALL

## Wanderers to be watched in the USA

WYCOMBE Wanderers' opening league fixture against Wrexham will be shown live on American TV.

The match, which kicks-off at 5.30pm British time on Saturday, August 10, will be distributed through Paramount+ and CBS – two of the largest streaming/broadcasters in the country.

This is part of a deal struck up with the EFL in order to help clubs in the Championship, League One and

League Two reach new audiences.

The move will see CBS Sports will air at least 250 matches each season until the 2027/28 campaign.

Dan Weinberg, Executive Vice President, Programming, CBS Sports, said: "The exciting action and prestige of the EFL, as the oldest league in the world, adds tremendous value to CBS Sports' premium soccer portfolio," "With the EFL's

compelling storylines and growing popularity coupled with our first-class coverage, we look forward to further elevating this league in the U.S.

"CBS Sports continues to be the premier destination for European football fans in this country with Paramount+ and CBS Sports Golazo Network as must-haves with their wide array of soccer properties and robust year-round match coverage."



The TV deal organised by the EFL will last until 2028. Image: PA

## SPORT: FROM HP12 TO RG2

## A Wycombe man who can help nearby Reading

WYCOMBE Wanderers expert, James Richings, believes rumoured Reading arrival Joe Jacobson could be 'pivotal in the rebuild of the club.'

Jacobson, 37, has spent the last decade with Wycombe racking up 400 appearances for the Chairboys at left-back.

Reaching the end of his playing days last year, featuring just six times in League One last season, the former Wales Under-21s international took on a PFA course on Football Management, in the same cohort as former Royals striker Dave Kitson.

It is thought that Jacobson is to take up a boardroom role with the club should the takeover be completed from former Wycombe owner Rob Couhig.

Jacobson and the 75-year-old former lawyer, Couhig, have been in meetings this week at the SCL Stadium and Bearwood while the Telegraph has reported that a deal could take up to a fortnight to complete.

Richings, who has been covering Wycombe since 2019 answered questions about Jacobson and his potential role at Reading.

**What transferable skills did Jacobson show at Wycombe that could see him fit the rumoured role at Reading?**

"He's a very good listener and very attentive.

"During the time that he wasn't playing last season, which was the first time in his Wycombe career that he hardly played, he was doing a lot of punditry and talking to a lot of people away from the pitch about football from a different perspective.

"He's incredibly knowledgeable, not just with football but all-round.

"He's very intelligent, very articulate and a real people person.

"That's the thing with Wycombe, they're very transparent and he's had 10 years there so he will very

By James Earnshaw

much be the kind of guy you need.

"He's not done anything like this before, but you have to start somewhere.

"He's worked with Rob Couhig for five years and will know exactly what he wants.

"JJ was the captain at Wycombe and knows how to lead and helped the club get to their highest finish, so he knows how to get success, albeit that is on the pitch.

"When Gareth Ainsworth was there, they had 'Five Captains' - Akinfenwa, Stockdale, Bloomfield, Stewart and Jacobson - and the five of them would deal with any issues that went on within the team and if it went to Gareth then they would get in trouble for not sorting it out beforehand.

"Ultimately, it never got that far because they always quashed whatever issues were around.

"He is very clever, well-spoken and wants to succeed.

"While it's a risk, I think Reading will be alright with him there."

**How crucial could his relationship with potential new owner, Rob Couhig, prove to be?**

"It will play a pivotal role in Reading's rebuild. When you look at JJ, he was the captain and helped nurture the young players coming through so he will have an eye on what young talent to bring into the club to help them get out of the current mess they're in. The two of them worked very closely.

"Moving into a boardroom role, only time will tell. Everyone at Wycombe wishes JJ the best because he's adored here. Away from that, he's just a lovely, salt-of-the-earth bloke who will happily talk to anyone."



Joe Jacobson spent 10 years at Wycombe, playing 400 times during that period. Image: PA

## OLYMPIC GAMES

## Physio James is all set for the Olympics

EXPERIENCED physiotherapist, James Goodwin, from Saunderton, has been invited by the Swiss Olympic Rowing team to help prepare its athletes ahead of the 2024 Paris Summer Olympics next week

Having worked to prepare the GB rowing team at the 2021 Tokyo Olympics, James, who works for Practice Plus Group at its MSK and Diagnostics Centre in Cressex, High Wycombe, has been helping the Swiss team with their strength and conditioning and physiological testing for the past seven years, to ensure they are at their peak for the Paris Olympics this month.

As well as treating patients for physiotherapy at the Practice Plus Group centre in High Wycombe, James has also been travelling regularly to the Swiss training centre in Sarnen, near Lucerne, in Switzerland - attending sessions every two weeks for four days at a time to prepare the squad for the prestigious competition.

Although heavily involved in the Swiss team's training preparations, James is unable to attend the Olympics in person as his partner is expecting a baby any day! It's not the first Olympics he has missed out on, as due to COVID restrictions in 2021, James was unable to travel to the Olympic village in Tokyo to support the GB team in-person.

James, who qualified as a physio at the Buckinghamshire New University, said: "Having the opportunity to work with Olympic level athletes as a physio is a real honour.

"Understanding what the body is capable of at peak fitness is one of my passions so it has been amazing to work with the Swiss rowing team ahead of the Paris Olympics.

"I've been able to take some of the learnings from my role at the Practice Plus Group MSK and Diagnostics Centre where I work and often treat patients who may be suffering with joint pain - particularly in knees or hips - as well as those recovering from accidents or sports injuries.

"I will be following the Paris Olympics closely and cheering on all athletes as they put their bodies through rigorous competitive conditions and wish all competitors the best of luck!"

Practice Plus Group MSK and Diagnostics Centre works across nine locations in existing health centres and hospitals across the county.

It offers accessible and convenient diagnostic and treatment services including MRI scans, Ultrasound, X-rays and physiotherapy support for NHS patients, helping to reduce waiting lists locally, as well as private patients who choose Wellsoon from Practice Plus Group.

## LADIES TAKE ON THE GENTS

# Annual match in Marlow finally takes place



The yearly clash took place on July 13

AFTER two weeks of no action due to the wet weather, the Marlow Bowls Club annual Ladies against Gents match took place on Saturday, July 13.

The game was close throughout the afternoon.

At half time the gents were in the lead on four of six rinks and by three shots overall.

But by close of play, the ladies had turned the game around and led by three shots and on three of six rinks.

The top rink for the gents was skipped by Peter Butler playing with Peter Barltrop and new member Karl Schrader.

The ladies' top rink was skipped by Mags Shelley with Christine Hawthornthwaite and also new

member Mary Schrader.

Earlier in the week, the ladies had a two-rink game at home against Bassetsbury winning on one rink and by four shots overall.

Top rink honours again to Mags Shelley, playing this time with Margaret Day and Jo Perry.

On Sunday, July 14, the men's Bucks Cup team, having come top in their division travelled to Wolverton Town for the quarter-final game, drew on two rinks but lost on two.

This meant they did not progress to the semi-finals.

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## CRICKET

# Youngster included in squad

BUCKS have included the very promising Aadi Sharma in their squad to play Leicestershire in their showcase at Grace Road on Monday.

The 18-year-old, who is linked with Northants, scored centuries in the last two National Counties Championship matches in which he has played.

He could not play in Bucks's recent drawn match with Suffolk as he was playing for Northants Under 19s

The other addition to the squad that played in that game is High Wycombe spinner Max Uttley.

The 50-over game, which starts at 11am, is the third showcase game Bucks have participated in. They beat Surrey in 2022 but lost to Sussex at Hove last year.

Bucks squad: T Hampton (Wokingham) capt, C Hemp (High Wycombe), V Jani (Richmond), A Sharma (Great Brickhill), R Richardson (Henley), A Kerzee (Halesowen), G Harvey (Eastcote), E Bragg (Halesowen), C Haddow (High Wycombe), C Parsons (High Wycombe), T Weymes (Tring Park), M Uttley (High Wycombe).

## MR BROWN PETER HAS HIS SAY THIS WEEK

# Preparation is well under way for Chesham's season ahead

OUR first home league game in National League South will be on Saturday 17th August against Boreham Wood.

To give that some perspective, just 14 months ago when we were losing a play-off semi-final at Bracknell Town to miss out on promotion from the Southern League, Boreham Wood were also losing in a play-off semi-final, against Notts County in the hope of getting promoted to the Football League.

I personally cannot wait to welcome them to Chesham to kickstart our home campaign.

Of course, there will be those of us around that remember playing Boreham Wood in league games previously, and many people still talk about the FA Cup match where a very later Chris Townsend equaliser took the tie to a replay at Chesham, a game we went on to win 9-1!

A great example of how the non-league pyramid in this country operates with movement up and down the leagues available to everyone.

Before all that we open the

season away at Eastbourne Borough, another side that operate with a full-time playing squad. A tough start you could say, but this is where we want to be competing and it will really give us a taste of what is to come, and that is before we talk about a huge local derby at St Albans City on August 24 and a Bank Holiday Monday home tie against former football league side Torquay United - all before the end of August!

There will be many great games ahead, and preparation is well underway with pre-season friendlies.

On Tuesday night we travelled to Uxbridge and put in a convincing display to win 5-1.

A performance that looked much more than just the first outing of the season with a new squad, we are in a good position so early into pre-season, which is very pleasing.

To read Mr Brown's full column, which is available to access online, go to [www.cheshamunited.co.uk/notes-from-the-chair-12th-july-2024/](http://www.cheshamunited.co.uk/notes-from-the-chair-12th-july-2024/).



Chesham United play their games at the Meadow

## FOOTBALL

# Dates for your diary as group stage fixtures are pencilled in

DATES for Wycombe Wanderers' EFL Trophy group stage fixtures for the upcoming season have been confirmed.

The Chairboys will face AFC Wimbledon, Crawley Town and the Brighton & Hove Albion U21s in this year's tournament.

Matt Bloomfield's side reached the final for the first time in their history back in April, losing 2-1 to Peterborough United.

All the goals were scored in the final 10 minutes, with the Posh bagging a last-minute strike to secure their second triumph in the competition, which was their first in 10 years.

The dates are as follows:

Tuesday, August 20: AFC Wimbledon v Wycombe Wanderers: 7.45pm

\*Tuesday, September 24: Wycombe Wanderers v Brighton & Hove Albion U21s: 7pm

Tuesday, November 12: Wycombe Wanderers v Crawley Town: 7pm

\*Subject to change if Wanderers reach the third round of the Carabao Cup.

# Keeping a good thing going for one more year

AN Aylesbury-based content company has announced the renewal of its sponsorship with Great Kingshill Cricket Club (GKCC).

Janno Media, which offers full-service content solutions including video, motion graphics, live streaming, photography and podcasts, have worked with the sports club since 2021.

Alex Hallatt, from the GKCC Committee, expressed enthusiasm for the extended partnership, highlighting

exciting prospects for expanding support across various cricket programmes.

The club's focus on enhancing junior cricket, including the introduction of professional coaching sessions by Future Legends for U15 to U19 age groups, aligns seamlessly with Janno Media's values of fostering talent and community engagement.

In addition to youth cricket, GKCC is committed to promoting girls' cricket, with initiatives tailored to encourage

continued participation and skill development among young female players.

Dedicated efforts include the introduction of girls-only teams and the appointment of a qualified female coach to provide specialised training and mentorship.

Matt Wallace, Founder of Janno Media, says: "Supporting junior and girls' cricket is a priority for us.

"We are thrilled to continue our partnership with Great Kingshill

Cricket Club and contribute to the growth and inclusivity of the sport within our community."

Continued sponsorship from Janno Media will enable GKCC to enhance facilities, expand youth programmes, and maintain affordable cricket opportunities through discounted memberships.

"This initiative aims to make cricket accessible to more families while fostering a sense of community spirit and sportsmanship."

# SPORT

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## Chairboys fan on 'the time of his life' in Germany



Alex Broom spent the last month in Germany at Euro 2024

A WYCOMBE Wanderers fan has said he has had 'the time of his life' after spending a month at the recent European Championships.

Alex Broom, who is a Chairboys regular, went and watched 14 games at this summer's tournament which included all of England's fixtures as they reached the final for second time in consecutive editions.

However, it was heartbreak for the Three Lions as they narrowly lost 2-1 to Spain, who clinched their fourth title in Berlin on

Sunday night.

This didn't dampen the spirits of Wanderers supporter Alex, who travelled up and down Germany to watch numerous matches.

He told the Sun Sport: "I flew out from Manchester on June 12 to Dublin to watch the Killers which was unreal.

"Then flew out to Amsterdam on June 14 had a night there, then got the train down ahead of England vs Serbia for our opening game and I've been out here ever since." "I got tickets for all the games –

some were resale and I've been mugging myself off with the price! "But to be honest, you're here once so you need to enjoy it."

Mr Broom wouldn't specify how much he had spent during his venture across Europe, but he did elude to that he had 'mugged himself off' when he came to some of the prices he spent on matchday admission.

When asked by the Sun, he said: "My mum might see this, and I think I might be in a lot of trouble. "But I thought I'd never spend

£500 to go and watch Turkey vs Georgia so that's a rough estimate which you can work from 13 games."

When the reporter suggested that collectively, it would have cost the Wycombe fan roughly £8,000 for his adventure in Germany, Mr Broom jokingly referenced a Jose Mourinho infamous interview by saying: "I prefer not to speak.

"If I speak, I get in a lot of trouble and I don't want to be in a lot of trouble!"

## One-time Chairboy on being England manager

By James Richings

FORMER Wycombe Wanderers defender Graham Potter has avoided to comment on speculation linking him with the vacant position as England's new manager.

The 49-year-old, who played three games for the Chairboys during the club's first-ever season in the EFL during the 1993/94 campaign, declined to address the speculation.

He instead decided to praise the outgoing Gareth Southgate, who spent eight years in the job.

During that time, he took the Three Lions to a World Cup semi-final, which was the country's first in 28 years, and back-to-back European Championship finals.

Sadly, he lost on both occasions in the showpieces to Italy (2021) and Spain (2024) respectively.

Potter, who has been out of football since being fired as Chelsea's boss in April 2023, told the BBC: "I don't think today is the day to speak about that.

"I think Gareth has done a fantastic job. I don't think there's anybody in the country that is more respected in football than Gareth. He and his team led the country and led the team in a really, really good way and I have a huge respect for him.

"Today is the day to wish him a nice break because he's earned that, and I wish him well whatever he does in the next part of his career."

He spoke to the BBC on July 16 – the day Southgate announced he would be stepping down from the position.

Potter, who is one of many names to be linked to the role, rose to prominence at Swedish side Ostersund, who he led from the fourth tier to European qualification.

One of his most notable achievements when out in Sweden was defeating Arsenal 2-1 at the Emirates Stadium in a Europa League knock-out match in February 2018.

The Gunners, who were 3-0 from

the first leg, won the overall tie 5-1, but many were left applauding Potter and his style of play.

His work in Sweden eventually secured him a move to Swansea City in the summer of 2018, after the club had just been relegated from the Premier League.

He spent one year in Wales before joining Brighton & Hove Albion in 2019.

His time on the South Coast was very successful, as he masterminded victories over Arsenal, Liverpool and Manchester United, which also included a ninth-place Premier League finish in 2022.

A move to Chelsea in the autumn of that year followed but only lasted eight months before being sacked.

He has not taken up another managerial role since.

Current Tottenham boss Ange Postecoglou is also reported to be in the FA's thinking, but his sole focus was on bringing success to Spurs.

Newcastle say they will fight to keep Eddie Howe should the Football Association make a move for him, while overseas names linked with the job include former Tottenham and Chelsea boss Mauricio Pochettino, as well as ex-Liverpool manager Jurgen Klopp.

Former Everton and Birmingham City man Lee Carsley is also one of the favourites.

The ex-Republic of Ireland international, who has also managed Coventry City (twice as caretaker), Brentford, Birmingham City (caretaker), and the England U20s, is currently in charge of the country's U21 team.

He has won 23 of his 29 games in charge, and helped England win the U21 Euros in 2023.



Potter had a very brief stint at Wycombe during the 1990s where he played three times on loan from Birmingham City. Image: PA

## Fixture at Wrexham is selling out fast

WYCOMBE Wanderers are 'optimistic' that they will sell out their allotted allocation for their opening league fixture away to Wrexham.

The club have been given 1,183 tickets for their first visit to North Wales since November 2007.

The match will kick-off at 5.30pm on Saturday, August 10 and will be live on Sky Sports.

At the time of writing, nearly 500 admissions have been sold and it is anticipated that over 1,000 Chairboys fans will head west of the border next month.

The club told the Free Press that they are 'delighted at the response of its supporters' following a 'strong first day of sales to season ticket holders'.

General sale opens on July 29 if there are any left for the fixture.

In addition to this, tickets are also selling fast for the club's only home friendly match this summer.

This is against Watford at Adams Park on July 30.

Here are Wycombe's upcoming league fixtures:

Aug 10: Wrexham (A)  
 Aug 17: Birmingham City (H)  
 Aug 24: Rotherham United (H)  
 Aug 31: Blackpool (A)  
 Sept 7: Mansfield Town (H)  
 Sept 14: Northampton Town (A)  
 Sept 21: Cambridge United (H)  
 Sept 28: Bristol Rovers (A)  
 Oct 1: Barnsley (A)  
 Oct 5: Crawley Town (H)  
 Oct 12: Stockport County (A)  
 Oct 19: Peterborough United (H)  
 Oct 22: Burton Albion (A)  
 Oct 26: Leyton Orient (H)  
 Nov 9: Wigan Athletic (A)  
 Nov 16: Huddersfield Town (H)  
 Nov 23: Lincoln City (A)  
 Dec 3: Exeter City (A)  
 Dec 7: Reading (H)  
 Dec 14: Shrewsbury (A)  
 Dec 21: Bolton Wanderers (H)  
 Dec 26: Stevenage (A)  
 Dec 29: Charlton Athletic (A)