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# New face for the Greens

**STRUGGLING** Holmer Green have bolstered their squad with the signing of the former Queens Park Rangers midfielder, Courtney Lawrence.

He joins on a free transfer with the ex-Hoops man also spending some time at Burnham FC.

He hopes to try and turn out what has been an awful start of the campaign for the Greens in which they have lost their opening seven matches.

They began the season with a 5-2 defeat against Windsor before losing 5-1 versus Westside.

Berks County Sports then smashed them 6-0 before they fell to a 4-0 loss against Molesey, a 5-1 thumping at the hands of Oxhey Jets, a 9-0 loss at home to MK Irish and lose versus Windsor, this time by 3-2.

They also were defeated by Risborough Rangers 8-0 and Flackwell Heath 13-1 in pre-season.

Up next for them is another fixture against MK Irish, but this is in the FA Vase.

The fixture will kick-off at 3pm and will take place at the home of Holmer Green, which is at Watchet Lane.

# Goals galore for Burnham

**BURNHAM FC** have moved to second in the Counties Premier Division North table after they thrashed Wallingford & Crownmarsh 6-0 at the 1887 Stadium.

A double from Anas Igozouln, along with strikes from Jabir Laraba, Leo Decabo, Ian Davies and an own goal saw them smash their Thames Valley rivals with ease.

Additionally, the week got even better for the Blues as they then hammered Daventry Town 8-1 away in the FA Vase, before falling to a 4-2 home loss versus Broadfields United.

The latter was Burnham's first league defeat of the campaign as they sit three points off top spot, with Rayners Lane being at the top of the tree.

Up next for Burnham is a trip to Chalfont St Peter on September 2.

# Remembering Bill one year on



**Bill Turnbull (pictured at Adams Park in 2016) died in August 2022 after a near-five year battle with cancer (Anita Ross Marshall)**

**ONE** year one from the passing of the much Wycombe Wanderers fan and popular broadcaster Bill Turnbull, Prostate Cancer UK has revealed there has been a rise in referrals.

The charity confirmed on Thursday, August 31, exactly one year on from the 66-year-old's passing, that analysis of NHS data shows a record 25,000 patients were referred for suspected urological cancer in England in November 2022 - in which prostate cancer makes up the vast majority.

Bill succumbed to the illness nearly five years after being diagnosed.

Laura Kerby, chief executive at Prostate Cancer UK, said: "This year, in honour of Bill's incredible legacy, we're asking people to 'Broadcast it like Bill' and raise awareness of the disease - encouraging as many men as possible to take our 30-second risk checker to learn if they're at risk, and if so, what they can do about it."

Comedian and former QI host Stephen Fry also revealed his diagnosis around the same time as Turnbull said he was undergoing treatment for prostate cancer in 2018.

This sparked what has been described as the "Turnbull/Fry effect" - a marked increase in referrals.

Fry has narrated a video for the campaign which urges people to share the charity's 30-second online risk checker.

NHS England's national clinical director for cancer, Professor Peter Johnson, said: "It can feel overwhelming confronting worrying signs and symptoms, but talking about cancer can save lives - it is so important that anyone who has concerns follows the lead of people like Bill Turnbull, Stephen Fry and Rod Stewart and get checked without delay if they are worried."

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Additionally, in September this year, hundreds of supporters of the charity and football fans will join legendary sports broadcaster Jeff Stelling at Wembley Stadium, as they will walk from the home of English football to Adams Park in honour of the late presenter.

Bill was in the press area when Wycombe secured promotion to the Championship in July 2020, with his famous 'Chairboys, barmy army' chant being heard through the microphones inside the empty arena due to the Covid-19 pandemic.

The phrase has been immortalised at Adams Park with the ex-BBC Breakfast host having the stadium's gantry named after him.

Additionally, Wycombe fans Alan Cecil and Peter Radford were also inspired by their own prostate cancer experiences and Turnbull to take on a sponsored walk.

Mr Cecil, 69, said: "Seeing Bill speak out about his diagnosis, gave me the confidence to do the same.

"I realised there was no shame or stigma attached and by me raising awareness of the need for early testing, other men could hopefully be as lucky as me."

Turnbull was a fan of Wycombe Wanderers and in his memory the Jeff Stelling's Football March will take place from Wembley to Wycombe, a distance of 26.2 miles, in September.

See [prostatecanceruk.org/risk-check](http://prostatecanceruk.org/risk-check) for more information.



**Wycombe Wanderers Women will take on Oxford City on September 10 in what will be their first game at home of the season (NQ)**

# Getting behind the Chairgils at the 1887 Stadium

**Wycombe Wanderers Women** will see a huge influx of fans at one of their home games next month.

A campaign launched by the 1887 Club have encouraged supporters of the Chairboys (and the Chairgils), to attend their fixture against Oxford City on September 10.

This coincides with the men's team not having a game that weekend following the postponement of their league clash with Cambridge United.

Additionally, the move is to help spread the word of the women's game and support

another avenue related to Wanderers.

In a brief tweet, they said: "We'll be attending the Chairgils' first home game of the season against Oxford City and we can't wait!"

Prior to their clash with their Thames Valley rivals, which is their first home game of the season, they will take on Ascot United at the Racecourse Ground on September 2.

This comes off the back of a very good pre-season for the club following a series of wins and positive results.

The match kicks off at 2pm.

## Hanlan on the move?

WYCOMBE Wanderers striker Brandon Hanlan is expected to complete a transfer to League Two side Wrexham.

The 26-year-old, who has scored 12 goals in 85 appearances since joining the Chairboys in August 2021, was not involved in the matchday squad for the club's 1-0 home loss against Sutton United in the League Cup.

This is despite featuring heavily for the Chairboys in pre-season and appearing in six of Wanderers' seven competitive matches this campaign.

Speaking to the press at full time following the defeat to Sutton on August 29, Wanderers manager Matt Bloomfield said: "There is speculation but I want to say too

much on that situation.

"We love him and I love him to bits, but there is obviously a reason why he wasn't part of the squad.

"He wasn't in the squad which is disappointing when you're chasing a goal in the second half as he's been extremely good for us.

"But if there is one thing I have learnt in management is that you've got to think on your feet and adapt at any point.

"So no, I don't think I should comment on that too much."

On potentially bringing in new players ahead of transfer deadline day this Friday, he added: "We're always looking and I think the injuries we've received in the last couple of weeks may present us an opportunity to look at something."



Brandon Hanlan (pictured in action against Plymouth Argyle in April 2022) has been linked with a move to Wrexham (PA)

## Alan Parry's Previews: On the road



Wycombe go to Sixfields (PA)

WYCOMBE's frustrating start to the season took another turn for the worse with the midweek Carabao Cup defeat at home to Sutton United and now the pressure is back on when they return to league action against Northampton Town on Saturday, September 2.

With confidence high after the excellent win at Bristol Rovers four days earlier, a full-strength Wanderers team were favourites to beat Sutton who had lost four successive games in League Two before their trip to a rainswept Adams Park on Tuesday night.

However, a defensive mix up led to Sutton taking the lead and chances were missed as the Chairboys dominated possession in their ultimately fruitless search for an equaliser.

It is taking more time for Matt Bloomfield's new look team to gel than a minority of impatient fans are prepared to accept, but he is trying to introduce a style of play that is more pleasing on the eye - the very thing those same fans demanded when they tired of Gareth Ainsworth's more direct methods.

The first league visit to Northampton for seven years is a perfect opportunity to silence the critics, but previous games between the clubs have been remarkably even with 10 wins each and thirteen draws since they first met in a FA Cup tie in 1958.

In those days, Wanderers-then an Isthmian League club-had a great record in cup competitions, having appeared at Wembley the previous season in the FA Amateur Cup Final, but the visit to Northampton's old ground ended in a 2-0 defeat.

The clubs have met 32 times since then, the most recent just over a year ago in a Carabao Cup tie with Wycombe earning a 2-1 win thanks to a trademark Joe Jacobson free kick and a goal by D'Mani Mellor, Northampton reducing the arrears from the penalty spot.

The last four fixtures between the clubs were all in cup competitions with Wanderers winning each time.

However, Northampton won the last league encounter, only their second league victory against the Chairboys in the last eleven meetings.

# Bloomfield on EFL Cup exit to Sutton



Matt Bloomfield spoke about his side's recent 1-0 home defeat against Sutton United (PA)

WYCOMBE Wanderers manager Matt Bloomfield believes his side had an 'erratic 10 minutes' after falling behind in their 1-0 home loss against Sutton United in the League Cup.

The defeat means the Chairboys have failed to score in four of their seven matches in all competitions this season, and this was despite having 18 shots on goal in the tie at Adams Park.

Sam Vokes, Richard Keogh, Killian Phillips, Garath McCleary, David Wheeler and Luke Leahy all went close for Wycombe, but Aiden O'Brien's winner on 19 minutes succumbed Wanderers to a second-round defeat in the competition for the second year in a row.

Bloomfield said: "We hit the post, the ball has flown across the front, the ball has just gone over, so it was one of those nights where the ball just wouldn't go in.

"We went strong as we wanted to win to keep the momentum going from the last couple of weeks but unfortunately, that wasn't meant to be.

"We controlled large portions of the game as we had 18 shots which is an XG of 2.58, so I thought we had done enough.

"We also spoke beforehand about not giving anything cheap away as it would give them something to hold on to, and from our half, it was a really soft goal for us to concede.

"We're disappointed in that but that's part of the game so we needed to build ourselves back

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into it.

"I felt like we had an erratic 10 minutes after we conceded as we lost our way a bit which was extremely disappointing as he had to ride that wave a bit more."

The 39-year-old also wants his team to have more 'arrogance and confidence' when in the final third.

This is due to the side not winning a match in over 18 months when having more ball than their opponents.

The last time the Chairboys won a competitive fixture when having more of the ball was in March 2022, when they defeated Fleetwood Town 1-0 at Adams Park thanks to an injury-time winner from Jason McCarthy.

"We're creating a lot at this moment in time and we just need to make sure that we take them.

"The second half saw us play a lot more in the opposition's half as we had many opportunities but we didn't have that final touch.

"We need to believe in ourselves a bit more and have that arrogance and confidence in us to try and execute as we had good moments, but, there were several disappointing moments too.

"There were also moments where we came up short with the standards we have set ourselves in."

"We've done more than enough to win the game."

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Uche Ikpeazu had one year with Wanderers (PA)

## Fan favourite Uche Ikpeazu is expected to re-join Wycombe

WYCOMBE Wanderers are set to re-sign striker Uche Ikpeazu on a free transfer.

The 29-year-old forward, who is currently a free agent following his departure from the Turkish side Konyaspor, is reportedly due to have a medical with the Chairboys this week following several positive talks with manager Matt Bloomfield. The Ugandan forward had

also been linked with a move to Queens Park Rangers, Sheffield Wednesday, Huddersfield Town and Cardiff City respectively.

However, QPR boss Gareth Ainsworth has since confirmed that the West London side will not be signing any new faces ahead of Friday's transfer window deadline. Additionally, Ikpeazu did

have talks with Wednesday but these chats have fallen through, according to the Sheffield Star.

The one-time Wanderer is now set for a move back to Buckinghamshire two years after leaving Adams Park, where he played 33 times and scored six goals.

His anticipated re-arrival in the Chilterns will also bring an

end to three consecutive transfer windows where his name has been linked with a move back to Wycombe.

Speaking on potentially signing Ikpeazu, Bloomfield said: "We're always evaluating the group to see where we need to strengthen.

"Uche was a big player for us a few years ago and we'll see what will happen."

# 'The best time of my career'

**EX-WYCOMBE** Wanderers striker Scott Kashket has claimed his 'best memories' in football have come during his stint at Adams Park.

The now Sutton United forward played 129 times for the Chairboys and scored 31 goals during a five-year stay in Buckinghamshire, which saw him achieve two promotions in 2018 and 2020 respectively.

His departure in the summer of 2021 saw him join Crewe Alexandra where he would be for one season, before signing for Gillingham 12 months later.

He has since left the Kent-based team to sign for Sutton, and featured in the Amber Army's 1-0 away win over Wycombe in the League Cup, where he came on as a second-half substitute.

His appearance in the latter stages of the game saw the 27-year-old receive a standing ovation due to his contribution to Wanderers.

In an exclusive interview with the Bucks Free Press, he said: "I heard the applause and saw people getting up and I thought 'surely that's not for me!'

"I couldn't believe it. "Wycombe has always been brilliant for me, and the fans have always been amazing.

"That's why when you join a club with that, you're always going to miss it when you leave so seeing and hearing the standing ovation was lovely.

"My best memories in football have been at Wycombe so far, but hopefully I'll make some more at Sutton."

On his personal highlights in

**Exclusive by James Richings**

a Chairboys shirt, he added: "To score the first Championship goal for Wycombe was a brilliant moment and pretty much all my career highlights have come at this ground [Adams Park].

"Chesterfield was a good ground for me as that's where I got my first Wycombe hat-trick and then we got a promotion there a year later.

"It's also rare that friendships continue after you leave a club, but I have had there.

"I invited a load of the guys to my wedding recently and the only one that couldn't make it was Dom Gape as he had something on.

"We still speak and meet up and that's because of Wycombe and what this club has.

"It's unique.

"So yeah, I loved it here."

Speaking on the win itself, he added: "I was watching the draw so when I saw Wycombe were at home, it just had to be Sutton, didn't it?"

"It's nice to be back and to see some old friends but for us [Sutton], it was important to get the win to end a run of what has been some very frustrating results."

Since moving to Gander Green Lane this summer, Kashket has played six times and has yet to score.

To read more about the latest Wanderers news, go to [www.bucksfreepress.co.uk/sport](http://www.bucksfreepress.co.uk/sport), or follow James Richings on Twitter by going to @James\_BFP.



Scott Kashket (pictured celebrating scoring Wycombe's first-ever



There will be a free weekend (PA)

## Home match is postponed

WYCOMBE Wanderers' home fixture against Cambridge United has been postponed due to international call-ups.

This comes after Chairboys striker Dale Taylor was called up to the Northern Ireland squad for their respective matches against Slovenia and Kazakhstan.

It is also expected that centre back Joe Low (Wales), Killian Phillips (Republic of Ireland), and Tjay De Barr (Gibraltar) will play for their nations between September 7 and September 11.

Official squad lists for all countries are due to be announced by the end of this week.

The decision was made one day before the Chairboys were knocked out of the League Cup by League Two Sutton United, meaning Wanderers have failed to score in four of their last seven games in all competitions this season.

However, their record against is very respectable.

In 24 fixtures versus the Amber Army, Wycombe have won on 16 occasions, drawing two and losing six.

This includes a run of losing two of the last 10.

However, when the sides last met at Adams Park in October 2022, Cambridge left Buckinghamshire with all three points in a 3-2 win.