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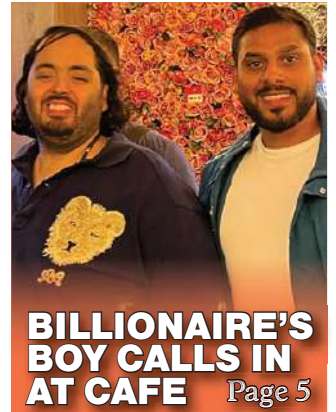
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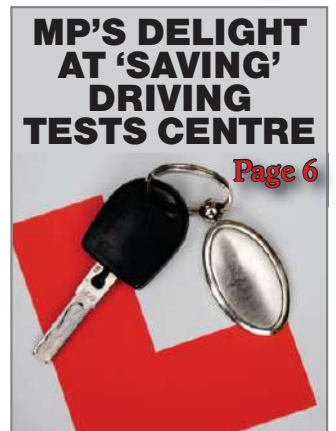
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## CEO feels that British tennis is on the up



CAMERON Norrie is the only British seed at Wimbledon.

LTA chief executive Scott Lloyd insists British tennis is “moving in the right direction” despite just three direct entries in today’s Wimbledon singles draws.

Cameron Norrie, a semi-finalist at SW19 in 2022, Dan Evans and two-time winner Andy Murray are the only UK players to have qualified for the Championships based on ranking.

British participation at the tournament will be swelled by wildcards, including Katie Boulter, who replaced the injured Emma Raducanu as her country’s number one female player earlier this month.

National governing body CEO Lloyd believes there are plenty of reasons for positivity.

“Over the last 12 months, we’ve had four men in the top 50 of the world, which we’ve never had in the history of our sport in this country before,” he told the PA news agency.

“We actually had more players - men’s and women’s singles players - in the top 200 of the world than we’ve had for the last 40 years, so we’re moving in the right direction.

“Obviously we always want more players at the very top of the game inspiring the fans to follow tennis and to watch on their televisions and that’s very much what we’re striving for.

“We’re looking forward to a good Championships.”

The enforced withdrawals of 2021 US Open champion Raducanu (wrists and ankle) and Jack Draper (shoulder) have deprived Britain of two of its most talented young players for the tournament.

Norrie is the only seeded British player, with Evans, Murray and the wildcards at risk of drawing a star name in the first round.



DARNELL McIntosh scores yet another try for Hull FC in their crushing home victory over St Helens last Thursday.

## Wellens not accepting complacency

PAUL Wellens has told his St Helens stars he will not tolerate any more complacency as they prepare to host struggling Castleford in the Betfred Super League tonight.

Wellens’ world champions looked to have shrugged off their sluggish start to the campaign after dazzling back-to-back wins over Wigan and Huddersfield earlier this month.

But having belatedly nudged

into the play-off slots, Saints summoned an abject display in last Thursday’s 34-6 loss at Hull FC that suggests their bid for a fifth consecutive title remains very much a work-in-progress.

“I thought we were complacent at Hull. They came at us with an intent and energy that we couldn’t match, and that was the most disappointing aspect,” said Wellens.

“Too many of us turned up hoping for an easy night, and when you do that you make things much more difficult for yourself.

“It’s a massive learning for us and we’ve had some pretty honest conversations this week. But what this group has done well in the past is respond to a bad performance and we need a really positive performance at the weekend.”

## Maddison move long time coming

By George Sessions

Press Association Sport

TOTTENHAM have completed the signing of James Maddison from Leicester.

Spurs entered advanced talks with the recently relegated Foxes earlier this week and have secured the services of the England international in a deal worth £40million plus add-ons.

Maddison has agreed a five-year deal with the club and becomes new boss Ange Postecoglou’s third arrival of the summer.

The transfer of Maddison will represent a major coup for Spurs, who have been long-term admirers of the 26-year-old.

Ex-Tottenham boss David Pleat recommended Maddison to chairman Daniel Levy when the playmaker was still a teenager at Coventry, but no move was able to materialise and he instead joined Norwich.



JAMES Maddison has joined Spurs.

Spurs’ interest and desire to eventually sign Maddison never waned with his time at Leicester only serving to highlight he was one of the most creative players in England.

During five largely successful years with the Foxes, who won the 2021 FA Cup, Maddison made 203 appearances, scored 55 goals and produced 41 assists.

While Maddison was unable to prevent Leicester suffering a

shock relegation to the Sky Bet Championship last season, he still hit double figures for goals.

Leicester’s battle for survival saw them turn down advances for Maddison in the January transfer window but they have now agreed for him to depart.

Newcastle had registered an interest in bringing the midfielder to St James’ Park but decided to pursue a move for AC Milan’s Sandro Tonali, which left the door open for Tottenham to swoop.

His arrival completes a busy couple of weeks for Tottenham, who made Dejan Kulusevski’s loan switch from Juventus permanent and signed Empoli goalkeeper Guglielmo Vicario.

Their north London rivals Arsenal have been busy too, with Kai Havertz officially joining them from Chelsea.

The German international has signed for £65million on a five-year contract, the PA news agency understands

## Norris hit by robbery once again



LANDO Norris has revealed he had a number of expensive items stolen in a robbery at a villa in Marbella.

It is the second time the British Formula One star has been targeted by thieves after he was accosted by two men and had his Richard Mille designer watch stolen after the Euro 2020 final at Wembley.

McLaren driver Norris, 23 was understood to be on holiday in Spain for three days when the incident took place.

Speaking to the PA news agency ahead of this weekend’s Austrian Grand Prix, Norris said: “We were out for dinner and our place got robbed.

“A mixture of many things were stolen. Some were expensive and some were not so expensive. It is still an ongoing investigation so I cannot say too much.”

## VAR hope for future



A majority of leagues around the world want conversations between referees and VARs played out live to broadcasters, a survey has found.

The Premier League was one of 41 leagues to take part in the survey by the World Leagues Forum, currently chaired by Premier League chief executive Richard Masters.

The Premier League has declined to comment on whether it supported the move on VAR in the survey, but 25 of the 41 leagues were in favour of it.

One respondent said: “(Having an) audio feed open for broadcasters between referee and VAR is a priority.”



Jordan Obita played 95 times for the Chairboys between 2021 and 2023, scoring five goals. All those strikes came during the 2021/22 year (PA)

## More faces leave AP

WYCOMBE Wanderers have confirmed the departure of left-back Jordan Obita.

The 29-year-old leaves Adams Park after two-and-a-half years with the club, joining the Scottish Premiership side Hibernian on a two-year deal.

Wanderers also revealed that the former Reading and Oxford man had been offered a new contract, but turned it down in order to join Hibs.

He played 95 times for Wycombe in all competitions and scored five times.

All of those strikes came in the 2021/22 season.

The club said: "We thank Jordan for his efforts for Wycombe Wanderers and wish

him well for the future."

Additionally, the club also announced that the departure of head of sports science, David Wates

The coach left the Adams Park side to join former Chairboys boss Gareth Ainsworth at Queens Park Rangers.

His exit has seen the arrival of Michael Amoah to Wanderers as the new lead physical performance coach.

Amoah has previously worked with assistant manager Richard Thomas at both Leyton Orient and Watford.

He has also worked with Wycombe boss Matt Bloomfield at Colchester United.

## Bucks are beaten in cricket match



It wasn't Bucks' day (Pixabay)

BUCKS ended their National Counties Trophy campaign by falling to a heavy nine-wicket defeat against NC Wales at Slough on Sunday.

It was Bucks's third defeat in four matches and means they finish bottom of Group 4 in the 50-overs competition.

After choosing to bat first, Bucks seemed well-placed at 114-4 after just 21 overs thanks to useful contributions from Ewan Cox (39), Ross Richardson (29), Teddy Casterton (26) and Alexei Kervezee (22).

But the innings fell away badly and they were all out for 161 in 41.3 overs. Wales bowler Sam Pearce took 4-22 from ten overs.

After losing an early wicket, Wales were guided home by Cameron Hemp (80\*) and Stefan Roberts (71\*), who added an unbroken 145 for the second wicket as the visitors reached 167-1 in 43.3 overs. Leg-spinner Stephen Croft was the best Bucks bowler with 0-26 from his ten overs.

# Coach nominated for rare rugby award



Steve Weingart, 50, won the award in Beaconsfield

A BUCKINGHAM rugby coach admits he is overwhelmed after being nominated for a prestigious national award.

Steve Weingart, 50, is a coach at Buckingham RFC and has been shortlisted in the challenging spirit category at the Honda Volunteer of the Year awards after receiving regional recognition at a ceremony at Beaconsfield RFC last month.

The Honda Volunteer of the Year awards are part of the Honda Volunteer Recognition Programme which provides a platform to recognise the volunteers who make up such an integral part of the game and who have made a great contribution to their club and community - no matter what their role.

Weingart received the challenging spirit award for Buckinghamshire to recognise his efforts for his local club across a variety of roles.

He joined the club as a junior player and has spent the past 10 years volunteering with the club's third team, also helping to build Buckingham's social offerings.

And he said: "You always feel that people do more than what you do, so I was surprised to be nominated.

"Then to win, I was actually very overwhelmed by it all. I was at the awards ceremony at Beaconsfield Rugby Club and it was all a bit surreal.

"All the nominees were sitting there and everybody's name was being called out to say thank you.

"They went through the top three - I was so surprised and shocked to win it."

The Honda Volunteer Recognition Programme provides grassroots rugby clubs, Constituent Bodies and the rugby community with opportunities to rec-

By Milly McEvoy

ognise and reward the volunteers who make up an integral part of the game.

The awards recognise the local heroes who have had a major impact in their clubs and communities and demonstrated their commitment to the game over the past 12 months.

It brings the opportunity to thank those who have gone above and beyond this year for teams, clubs, referees societies and educational establishments.

Alongside his management responsibilities for the third XV team, Weingart also took on coaching and managing the second XV side.

An important element of his management has been implementing the Game On framework, which has seen Weingart develop partnerships with other local clubs to ensure as many players as possible are getting game time every weekend.

But what has really driven the former full-back over the last year has been his commitment to the social aspect of rugby, which has seen him develop a thriving touch rugby section.

He has also taken on the role of bar manager at Buckingham's clubhouse which has seen various teams come together and interact.

He added: "I made sure when I was managing the threes, that I had a relationship with the first team manager and got to know as many of their players as possible.

"I organised the social and that got us further together - we opened the lines of communication between all the teams because that was vitally important for everybody to get players."

## Defender goes out on loan to Ebbsfleet

WYCOMBE Wanderers have confirmed centre back Jack Wakely has signed a new one-year deal with the club.

The 22-year-old, who joined the Chairboys in the summer of 2021, played 10 times last season in which he made his Football League debut.

The new signing of his new deal comes on the same day the defender has joined National League Ebbsfleet United on loan for the rest of the season.

Wakely began his career at Chelsea, whilst also having spells at Basingstoke Town and Brighton & Hove Albion ahead of his move to Adams Park two summers ago on a free transfer.

# SPORT



The draw happened at the High Wycombe Cricket Club

## Wycombe Cricket Club draw with Harefield as they remain unbeaten

DIVISION 1 leaders High Wycombe Cricket Club 1XI drew against Harefield as they remain unbeaten this season.

Harefield quickly fell to 32-2 thanks to a strong spell of bowling from Thomas Hampton with McLeod and Ogden both caught by George Russell.

Opener, Aatish Anthaathi, and Nick Kelly managed to

form a partnership of 47 before Anthaathi was bowled by the former Wisden Schools Cricketer of the Year, AJ Woodland.

The Middlesex team were heavily reliant on Kelly, an Australian-born batter who joined the club for their Home Counties Premier League campaign this season.

The former New Zealand

Under-19 player reached 90 off 118 balls before AJ Woodland got the crucial wicket with Harefield then falling to 184-8.

Despite being near the bottom of the batting line up, Tom Marshall and Jordan McLeod put an impressive combined 45 runs on the scoreboard for Harefield which was deemed to be crucial.

Harefield were bowled all

out for 226 off 62.4 overs with Connor Haddow, 23, impressing with the ball for Wycombe picking up a 5-wicket haul at 5-58.

Wycombe were chasing 227 off 57 overs but fell just short and after the overs were complete, they were 219-9 resulting in a draw as Harefield did not manage to bowl out the home side (continue to your right).

# Smiles all round for the Chairgirls



The match happened on June 24

WYCOMBE Wanderers Women's revealed their End of Season Award Winners on Saturday, to conclude the 2022/23 season.

All three women's squads came together to celebrate the collective and individual successes of 2022/23. The trophies up for grabs included Golden Boot, Players Player of the Season, Recognition for continuous development, Managers Player, Goal of the Season, Unsung Hero and The Inaugural Dave Robertson Award for an Outstanding Contribution to Women's Football.

#### Golden Boot

First Team: Katie Riddington  
Reserves: Shannon Read  
U18's: Freya Harris

Katie Riddington scored 7 goals for the Chairgirls first team, whilst Shannon Read scored an impressive 19 goals for the Reserves. Having played for both the first and U18 teams this season, Freya Harris netted 11 goals for the U18s making her their top scorer.

#### Players Player of the Season:

First Team: Katie Riddington  
Reserves: Emily Norfolk  
U18's: Georgia Price

Often thought of as the most prestigious award of the evening, Katie Riddington, Emily Norfolk, and Georgia Price all stated their gratitude to their teammates for the recognition of their hard work.

#### Recognition for continuous development:

First Team: Emily Strange  
Reserves: Rebecca Hesketh  
U18's: Tegan Condra

Both Emily Strange and Rebecca Hesketh joined the Chairgirls senior set up having graduated from the WWFC Foundation GDA Pathway in 21/22. They both had a fantastic season for their respective

#### By Bobby Lynch

team and were recognised for their growth in both confidence and the technical aspects of their game. Tegan Condra was also identified for her development throughout the Young Chairgirls season.

#### Managers Player:

First Team: Kara Howes  
Reserves: Emma Dean  
U18's: Jess Fuller

#### Goal of the Season:

Esmee Sword vs Sporting Benfica Chairgirls forward Esmee Sword's FA Cup strike against Sporting Benfica was crowned as this campaign's Goal of the Season. The goal was scored at Adams Park, securing a 3-2 victory and progression into the next round.

#### Unsung Hero:

Ellie Trigg

Selflessly converting from midfielder to goalkeeper in a time of need for the Young Chairgirls earned Ellie Trigg the Unsung Hero award. Having stepped into the role following the departure of Gemma Harvey, Ellie quickly learnt her new trade and made some impressive saves throughout the second half of the season, particularly in the JPL Cup Final vs Fulham FC.

The Inaugural Dave Robertson Award for an Outstanding Contribution to Women's Football:

Bobby Lynch

David Robertson was a director of Wycombe Wanderers Trust and oversaw the running of Wycombe Wanderers Women; he was a champion of women's football and did so much to support the development of the Chairgirls, in 2021 he sadly passed away following a battle with cancer.



It was a day to remember for the Chairgirls (WWW)

## Draw for HW at home

(CONTINUED FROM THE TOP OF THE PAGE) Opening batters Eliot Callis and AJ Woodland, as well as Broc Hardy all scored in the 30s but did not manage to quite reach a half century, which was unfortunate for the warriors and was needed after a strong batting performance from Kelly.

Teddie Casterton scored 49 off 78 and played a key role in the match, ensuring that the scoreboard and overs were being played through especially in the latter stages of the match when wickets were not to hand.

Despite this, High Wycombe still sit firmly at the top of the Division 1 table and remain the only unbeaten side in the Division having played 8 matches so far this season.

High Wycombe 1XI travel to Wokingham for their next match on Saturday 1 July who have won two of their last three matches.

For those of you who would like to go down to watch some cricket, High Wycombe 2XI are playing at High Wycombe Cricket Club against Marlow CC 1XI at 13.00 on Saturday in what should be a close encounter as the two teams are sitting in 3 and 4 of the Division 2A table.

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