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Developer under fire

Bellway Homes must explain itself to the public over ongoing blaze, demands council



THAMES Valley Police has stopped investigating a potential arson following a fire at a Bellway Homes development of 259 new properties in Hazlemere, Wycombe.

A company appointed by Bellway began clearing rubbish from the building site on May 24 and has tested for potential contamination there amid residents' fears that the smouldering waste contains material harmful to human health.

By Charlie Smith

The reports from the testing have not been shared with Hazlemere Parish Council, which has asked for access to them.

The authority has also requested that the developer hold a public meeting to explain the situation to residents.

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Mott: We had the edge over Scotland



England coach Matthew Mott (Mike Egerton/PA)

HEAD coach Matthew Mott claimed England held "all the advantage" when rain wiped out their T20 World Cup opener against Scotland, adding an optimistic gloss to a game that could easily have ended in a shock defeat.

The defending champions started the day as overwhelming favourites against their northern neighbours, who they had never before faced in the format, but were staring at the possibility of a serious upset when the Duckworth-Lewis-Stern calculations left them chasing a steep target of 109 from 10 overs.

Scotland opens George Munsey and Michael Jones score of 90 without loss, scoring 51 from 6.2 overs and 39 from 22 balls either side of a lengthy delay.

England's attack lacked wicket-taking bite as their only real opportunity of a breakthrough came when George Munsey was caught off a Mark Wood no-ball. Scotland, meanwhile, attacked with verve and bravery.

Mott insisted the slippery conditions, which made it difficult for bowlers to grip the ball, allied to his own side's powerful batting line-up, left them well placed to take the win.

Jones said Mott's view was not shared in the Scottish dressing room, where spirits were riding high before the heavens opened for the final time.

"Possibly if you'd asked us before the game 'do you want a point?' we might have taken it, but to take on England and be in that position, knowing we had a really good chance of winning, is really frustrating," he said.

"Scotland have been done by the rain a few times now at big tournaments."



Pep Guardiola's long-term future as Manchester City manager is unclear (Martin Rickett/PA)

Guardiola's future at City unclear

MANCHESTER City chairman Khaldoon Al Mubarak expects to find the "right solution" regarding manager Pep Guardiola's future – but has given no indication what that might be.

Guardiola, who is contracted until 2025 at the Etihad Stadium, hinted after steering City to its fourth successive Premier League title last month that next season

could be his last at the club.

Yet throughout his tenure the Spaniard has preferred to sign relatively short contracts and has previously gone into the latter stages of deals before recommitting. The situation beyond the end of next season therefore remains unclear.

Speaking in his end-of-season review, Khaldoon said: "The

decision on his future is what we take together, and I have no doubt we will find, as we always have done, the right solution that works for Pep and works for us."

Guardiola has won six Premier League titles in the past seven years as well as the Champions League, the Club World Cup, two FA Cups and four League Cups since taking charge in 2016.

Matty wants cup, not personal glory

By PA Sport reporter

MATTY Ashton will rein in his natural instinct to turn on the style at Wembley on Saturday as he targets the first major silverware of his career in the Betfred Challenge Cup final.

The 25-year-old Warrington winger has hit the headlines for some spectacular finishes already this season and admits he is revelling under the positive influence of new Wolves coach Sam Burgess.

But despite growing up dreaming of making his own mark on the sport's most prestigious knockout competition, Ashton is adamant a strong team performance is his priority as Warrington seek to sink favourites Wigan and clinch their first trophy since 2019.

"I grew up watching all the finals on TV and I travelled down with my family to watch a couple as a fan, so it feels surreal to be in this position now," Ashton said.



Warrington winger Matty Ashton (Martin Rickett/PA)

"When I signed with Warrington five years ago it felt like the big chance I'd been waiting for, and now since Sam has come in he has given me the confidence to go out and show what I can do.

"He's taught me that it's not always about playing safe, it's about playing expansive rugby and it's no surprise that the tries have followed because that's when I feel like I'm at my best."

Ashton earned praise from Burgess for his gravity-defying finish that helped Warrington to a 31-8 win at St Helens in an eye-catching quarter-final in April.

However while Ashton admits he would love to serve up another acrobatic match-clinching try at Wembley, he said he will happily sacrifice any individual headlines for the honour of lifting the famous trophy.

"A lot has been said about some of my tries and how I practice them in training, but I just try to make the most of my chances when I get them," added Ashton.

"It's a big part of my game, doing things that some other players can't do. But all that matters is that I'm helping the team, and as long as we win on Saturday, I don't care how it comes."

Ashton made his Challenge Cup debut as an 18-year-old playing for community club Rochdale Mayfield in a 60-6 humbling by Barrow in February 2017.

Operation on knee for Novak



NOVAK Djokovic has undergone knee surgery in Paris which will rule him out of Wimbledon, according to reports in France.

The 24-time grand slam champion suffered a knee injury during his five-set win over Francisco Cerundolo in the French Open fourth round on Monday.

Djokovic underwent an MRI scan on Tuesday which revealed a torn medial meniscus in his right knee and forced him to withdraw from the tournament.

L'Equipe reported that Djokovic was having surgery yesterday which would make his participation at Wimbledon, which begins on July 1, virtually impossible.

But the 37-year-old could still be fit in time for the Paris Olympics.

Perez stays at Red Bull



SERGIO Perez has been handed a new two-year deal by Red Bull keeping him at Formula One's world championship-winning team until the end of the 2026 season.

The 34-year-old Mexican's contract was up for renewal at the end of the season.

"I am really happy to commit my future to this great team," said Perez. "I am delighted to be staying here to continue our journey together for two more years."

Perez is fifth in the standings, 62 points behind team-mate Verstappen ahead of this weekend's Canadian Grand Prix.

King on Ramsey's future for Wales



Wales captain Aaron Ramsey (Adam Davy/PA)

ANDY King feels former Wales team-mate Aaron Ramsey will believe he still has a "lot to give" to the national team.

Wales skipper Ramsey's international future has come under the spotlight after a lack of game-time following an injury-plagued season at Cardiff.

The 33-year-old won the last of his 84 caps nine months ago and was not risked off the bench in March as a penalty shoot-out defeat against Poland ended Welsh hopes of playing at Euro 2024 this summer.

Ramsey will now miss friendlies away to Gibraltar and Slovakia this week to focus on a full pre-season at Cardiff, with Wales boss Rob Page saying his return to the squad in September will depend on his fitness levels then.

"Players know themselves, they know how the body's feeling," said King, the Leicester Premier League title winner who announced the end of his 18-year senior career last month.

"Aaron is a top player, top person, and I'm sure he'll feel that he's got a lot to give."

King played alongside Ramsey in the Wales midfield between 2009 and 2018 and won 50 caps. The pair were members of the Wales squad that reached the semi-finals of Euro 2016 in France.

Wales will prepare for Nations League matches against Iceland, Montenegro and Turkey this autumn with two friendlies in the space of four days this week.

The Dragons meet Gibraltar at the Estadio Algarve in Portugal tomorrow, before taking on Euro 2024-bound Slovakia in Trnava on Sunday.



Liam Broady suffered a bizarre injury (Adam Davy/PA)

Broady pulls out with concussion

LIAM Broady has pulled out of next week's Rothesay Open in Nottingham after sustaining a concussion by hitting his head on his car boot.

The 30-year-old has not played a tournament since March because of an ankle problem, but had been due to make his return on home soil at the Nottingham Tennis Centre.

However, Broady revealed his latest bizarre setback on X, saying: "Some bad news... Was on track for next week but I hit my head on my car boot on Sunday evening quite hard.

"Tried to practise yesterday and got a migraine. Turns out I have a concussion! So won't be ready for Nottingham. Hopefully Ilkley if all goes to plan."

Broady, who beat Casper Ruud to reach the third round of Wimbledon last summer, broke into the top 100 for the first time last September but has now slipped to 147 as a result of his lengthy absence.

He will now hope to make his return at the Challenger Tour event in Ilkley, beginning on June 17.

Southgate facing tough decisions

BY PA Sport reporter

ENGLAND boss Gareth Southgate says he has a lot to consider as he prepares to name his final Euro 2024 squad straight after Friday's last warm-up friendly against Iceland.

The build-up to this summer's tournament in Germany continued with Monday's 3-0 win against Bosnia and Herzegovina at a sold-out St James' Park.

Attention now turns to facing Iceland in a final friendly before kicking off their Euros campaign against Serbia on June 16.

But Friday is about far more than their Wembley send-off as, just over an hour after the final whistle, Southgate has to cut his 33-man training group to a tournament squad of 26.

"We're still discussing that as a staff," Southgate said when asked about the plans around submitting his selection by UEFA's 11pm deadline.



England manager Gareth Southgate (Owen Humphreys/PA)

Southgate has another three players Kobbie Mainoo, Phil Foden and Kyle Walker to consider.

"They'll all come into the reckoning for the game on Friday," he said.

"We want to build on the performance. Physically it's an important game for players, even players that have played a lot of football.

"They still need that rhythm of

playing matches, so Friday becomes an important exercise."

Pushed on the practicalities of Friday and whether he will tell players after the game, Southgate said: "I'll work that through with the staff over the next few days and we'll decide what we think is the best way of doing that."

Whether to take long-serving defenders Harry Maguire and Luke Shaw is a big decision as the pair recover from their respective muscle injuries. So too how best to fill attacking slots.

Southgate has actively tried to manage expectations of younger players in a training squad featuring five uncapped members. Adam Wharton was among them and, like Jarrad Branthwaite, made his senior England debut off the bench against Bosnia.

The 20-year-old has shone since joining Crystal Palace from Blackburn in February and has underlined his credentials during an impressive first England camp.

Coco in the semi finals in Paris



COCO Gauff survived an Ons Jabeur onslaught to reach the semi-finals of the French Open.

Third seed Gauff fell a set behind as Jabeur went after the American's serve from the start and broke for 4-3.

Gauff saved two set points on her own serve but Jabeur finished the job with the ball in her hand, hammering down an ace to clinch it.

Jabeur retrieved an early break in the second but Gauff hit straight back when the Tunisian drilled a forehand wide.

When US Open champion Gauff broke and then held for 4-1 in the decider, Jabeur had won just two of 11 games.

20-year-old Gauff, the runner-up in Paris two years ago, registered a 4-6 6-2 6-3 victory in an hour and 57 minutes.

Trampoline ambitions



BRYONY Page is targeting a gold medal at the Paris Olympics before embarking on a dream career in Cirque du Soleil.

The 33-year-old became the first British trampolinist to win an Olympic medal when she claimed silver at Rio 2016 then a bronze in Tokyo.

Page is the reigning world and European champion and has hit the scores required for qualification.

She has not ruled out competing beyond Paris, and has the 2028 Los Angeles Games in mind, but wants to realise a childhood dream of performing in the circus.

Sport

GOLF

A lot is going on at Wycombe Heights

A BUSY month of fixtures saw Wycombe Heights in action in the Chiltern Breakfast League 3-3 away to Hazlemere before a 6-0 win v Princes Risborough at home with Ben Moyle, Jay Talwar, Quentin Van Der Merwe, Gary Morris, Alex Leung, Stephen Russell, Roy Wood, David, Godley, Mark Vining, Steve Keeling, Charlie Maddock, Paul Brain, Tommy Keeling, Peter Hobden all involved.

The Ballantyne Trophy saw the 'A' team win 3-0 v Haste Hill at home Richard Craig, Manoj Parveen, Jim Burrige, Chris Evans,

Christian Hewitt & Robbie Allen before being knocked out in R2 3-0 away to Farnham Park with Tommy Keeling & David Godley in the team.

Wycombe 'B' won 2-1 against Farnham Park with Steve Sidhu, Gabba Juttla, Kevin Parkinson, Bob Wagner, Chris Welland, Chris Dix.

Wycombe 'C' beat Thorney Park 2-1 away in a tight well contested affair, Charlie Maddock, Paul Brain, Ben Moyle, Peter Hobden, Roy Wood, Quentin Van Der Merwe. In the Clapham Common

R1 Wycombe A beat Perivale 211 - 199 points, Paul Brain, Robert Wagner, Stephen Russell, David Hawkins Quentin Van Der Merwe, Fraser Atkins, Anuraj Dosanjh, Tommy Keeling, Gabba Juttla, Steve Keeling, Steve Sidhu, Ante Jolic all involved.

Wycombe B won 194 - 168 against Harefield, Dean Elias, Martin Harris, Robbie Allen, Darryn Vellenoweth, David Newman, Chris Evans, Richard Craig, Oliver Harvey, Peter Hobden, Scott Pocock, Chris Welland & Manoj Parveen involved.



There is a lot going on at Wycombe Heights this summer

GRANDFATHER HELPS CHILD GET INVOLVED

Boy, 10, with limb difference 'excited' to take part in golf

A 10-year-old golf fan who has a congenital limb difference has said it will be "really nice to spend more time" with his grandfather on the golf course thanks to a new prosthetic tool.

Freddie Tarr, who lives with his family in Bournemouth, was part of a group of primary-aged children with congenital limb differences who were invited to test out a "world-first" prosthetic arm during a special coaching session at Woburn Golf Club in Milton Keynes in May.

The tool has been engineered by upper limb prosthetics company Koalaa in collaboration with EDGA, formerly the European Disabled Golf Association, with the aim of enhancing the ability of players with upper limb differences to effectively use a golf club.

While the process is still in its early stages, the session at Woburn was the first time that younger players had been invited to test out the prototype device.

Freddie, whose arm did not develop fully at birth, told the PA news agency on Sunday: "It was really fun to play golf, it's really hard but it was different with the golf arm."

He said it would be "really nice" to "spend more time" with his grandfather, an avid golfer, thanks to the prosthetic.

Freddie's father, Nick Tarr, 38, told PA: "The thing that was so exciting about it was he finished up the day asking when him and my dad could go out to the driving range and start playing a bit of golf."

"(My dad) was a very, very good quality scratch player and it's his main pastime."

Mr Tarr said his son was "inspired" from the day at Woburn after seeing older players with limb differences take to the course.

"We watched a player on the driving range - he didn't have a Koalaa arm, he had something a little bit bigger, but we watched him and we watched another player who had an above-knee amputation."

"The thing that (Freddie) said at the

By Hannah Cottrell

end was watching them allowed him to know he can do anything."

Mr Tarr added that Koalaa has been a "game-changer" for his son, who uses the company's prosthetics to help with sports such as mountain biking and surf lifesaving.

"As a parent - and I get quite emotional talking about Koalaa - but for us they have been an absolute game-changer in the way they've delivered prosthetics and the personalised experienced we get is just incredible," he said.

Koalaa prosthetics are available for those with below-elbow and partial hand limb differences, helping with sports and other hobbies such as yoga, tennis, surfing and guitar playing.

Ten-year-old Joanie Melady, from South Oxfordshire, who has the Koalaa tennis tool named after her, also tested out the golf prosthetic at Woburn Golf Club.

"It was interesting, it was fun. I got a hole in two, which was a lucky go," she told PA.

She added that being around other children with limb differences "makes me feel like I belong".

Joanie's father, Alan Melady, 43, said: "After we finished at Woburn, Joanie said to me 'Can we go and play golf this weekend?'"

"She loves sport and she always makes you proud when you're seeing her doing something that she hasn't been able to do before."

"You could see there was a lot more control in her swing and you could see from the get-go that she has a really nice swing."

"Who knows what we might do in the future, and if she wants to play golf when she's a bit older, she's got that option."

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Freddie, 10, was selected to test out a prosthetic arm during a special coaching session at Woburn Golf Club in Milton Keynes (PA)

GOLF

Marlow to host fundraising charity day

ROB Marsh from Harleyford Golf Club, Marlow, has planned a fundraising day on June 13 in aid of Alzheimer's Research UK, the country's leading dementia research charity.

Rob and his dedicated team aim to raise £100,000 for Alzheimer's Research UK, the charity working to revolutionise the way dementia is treated, diagnosed and prevented.

Dementia affects almost one million people in the UK alone and has a huge impact on families.

It is most commonly caused by Alzheimer's disease.

Rob was inspired to organise the charity golf day after both his mother and grandmother were diagnosed with dementia.

The charity day is being planned to be a fun, relaxed day, it will see 24 teams playing and even the chance to win a Porsche with a successful hole-in-one.

He said: "Alzheimer's is a very emotional thing to deal with."

"When our loved ones pass away, we don't see them anymore, but we always remember the good times."

"With Alzheimer's we lose the person we love a lot earlier, but the shell of that person is still with us, confused, fragile and not the person that we remember from times before."

"It is an incredibly sad process for friends and family to observe and one I am experiencing first-hand."

"So, what I am looking for is, all my friends, family and the local community to come together on June 13, and support our golf day at Harleyford."

"It is a golf day but one that is not just about the golf, it is about the charity, it is about seeing each other, making memories and having lots of fun."

Jess Jenkins Regional Fundraising Officer for Buckinghamshire at Alzheimer's Research UK, said: "We're so grateful to Rob and the team at Harleyford for supporting Alzheimer's Research UK."

"If nothing changes, one in two of us will be directly affected by dementia - either by caring for someone with the condition, developing it ourselves, or both."

"Fantastic fundraising efforts like this will help us get closer to a cure for people with dementia and their loved ones."

"We wish Rob and everyone at Harleyford Golf Club the best of luck!"

For further information about Alzheimer's Research UK, or to find out more about fundraising for the charity, call 0300 111 5555 or visit www.alzheimersresearchuk.org.

Ex-Chairboy midfielder is now hospice ambassador

A FORMER Wycombe Wanderers midfielder has agreed to become an ambassador for Thames Hospice.

Scott Davies, who had two spells at Adams Park in the early 2010s, is currently the player-manager at Slough Town, which has done work with the charity.

This includes having regular visits to see what the cause does while finding out more about their work.

A successful charity match day in March dedicated to the charity saw the football team wear Thames Hospice branded special green strip, a raffle and an auction which along with bucket collections raised £4,000 for the Hospice.

Davies, who was born in Aylesbury, and started his career at Reading, said: "You'd expect a hospice to be quiet and miserable, but just walking through the doors, it's so vibrant.

"It's such a friendly place.

"To be honest it's blown my mind.

"During my visits, I met two families here and just feel so grateful for spending some time with them.

"It was so powerful. I drove home in tears and rang my wife to tell her what a huge impact it'd had on me.

"Having been to visit Thames Hospice before the match, it gave me an extra edge as a player and manager. I wanted us to win more than any other



Scott Davies (left) is the player-manager at Slough Town. He has become an ambassador for the Thames Hospice

match.

"Whereas, if I hadn't visited before the game I probably would have wondered by I was wearing the shirt.

"It made me realise there are people much worse off than you and it had such a positive impact on me."

The 36-year-old believes there is a 'strong personal connection' with the charity and is thrilled at the flourishing relationship between Thames Hospice

and Slough Town.

It's that connection with the community that meant Scott had no hesitation in accepting the invitation to become an ambassador for the charity.

After the success of the dedicated match day in March, which saw the season's biggest crowd of 1,400, Scott is looking forward to building the bond.

He added: "I genuinely care about what the Hospice does and I'd like all

the players to come and visit to understand it too.

"I'd tell any local business to get involved and my advice would be, don't wait.

"I wish I'd known about Thames Hospice sooner.

"If we can help to get the message out there, then I think many more people in the community will want to get stuck in and support the Hospice."

Layla Pipe, Community Fundraiser at Thames

Hospice, says, "We are delighted to have the support of Scott Davies as an official Ambassador of Thames Hospice and to be partnering with Slough Town FC. We are very much looking forward to working alongside Scott, to raising awareness of the Hospice in the local community we are both proud to serve."

He played 27 times for the Chairboys, scoring six times.

CRICKET

Young star included in squad

THE young Buckingham all-rounder Hashan Ramanad-anpulle has been included in the Bucks squad of 13 for their National Counties Trophy match against Devon at High Wycombe on Sunday.

Ramanad-anpulle has fared well in recent games for the Bucks 2nd XI to earn selection for the county's second group match in the 50-over competition.

The only regular name missing from the Bucks lineup is opener AJ Woodland who is unavailable.

Bucks will be aiming for their first win in the competition, having suffered a last-over defeat by Oxfordshire at Wormsley three weeks ago.

Devon, meanwhile, will be thirsting for revenge, having lost by a massive 550 runs to Bucks in last year's National Counties Championship final. The match starts at 11am.

Bucks squad: T Hampton (Wokingham) capt, C Hemp (High Wycombe), G Harvey (Eastcote), W Mead (Datchet), A Kervezee (Halesowen), R Richardson (Henley), M Payne (Amersham), E Bragg (Halesowen), H Ramanad-anpulle (Buckingham), C Haddow (High Wycombe), C Parsons (High Wycombe), M Uttley (High Wycombe), T Weymes (Tring Park).

GOLF

Helping everyone

CONTINUED from page 70: Golf coach Mark Taylor said it was "brilliant" to welcome the children to the golf club.

He said: "Tools, like the one we're developing with Koalaa, are so important for aiding inclusivity and making golf accessible for all.

"We want everyone, no matter what age, ability or experience level, to know that golf is for them."

Nate Macabuag, founder of Koalaa, said: "It's fantastic to be working with the team at EDGA on this development project.

"Together, we hope to inspire people with limb differences of all ages to pick up a club.

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BOWLS

Local derby is played out on the green

ON June 2, Marlow visited Oxford City & County Bowls Club for a friendly triples game over four rinks.

After recent wet and cold weather conditions, it was wonderful to have clear blue skies for this game.

Overall, Marlow had one winning rink, one drawn rink and two losing rinks; the final score was 61 shots to Marlow, 69 to Oxford City & County.

On rink one, Fred Best playing with Fliss Rees and captain Martin Timbrell recovered from a slow start (down by six shots after five ends) to be three shots ahead after 15 ends, but ended up one shot down at the end.

On rink two Pam Butler, with Angela Moss (ladies captain) and Peter Butler started well and were 6 shots ahead at half time.

They finished even more strongly including scores of 4 and 5 to win by 23

shots to 8 – Top rink honours.

Rink 3 had a more torrid time! Steve Tight with Clare and Michael Clarke were three shots to 16 down at the half way point and in spite of scoring on four of the last nine ends their final score was seven to 26 (Top rink honours to Oxford).

Ann White, with Peter Jennings and Tricia Best, on rink four had a slow start but after 9 ends they were only two shots adrift.

The second half of the game was even closer with the final result being a draw – 15 shots each.

Before that, May 27 saw members of Marlow Bowls club held an Open Day – part of Bowls England Bowls Big Weekend – and welcomed more than 40 people wanting to try bowls.

This has resulted in many signing up for further training and planning to join the club.



The match took place on June 2

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Wanderers hero and Slough legend passes away



Terry Reardon played for Wycombe during the 1970s

A FORMER Wycombe Wanderers midfielder who played a part in the club's first-ever appearance in the FA Cup third round has died.

Terry Reardon, 79, played 132 times for the Chairboys between 1973 and 1976, where he was included in the team that faced Middlesbrough in 1975.

It was the first time that the Chairboys had reached that stage of the competition.

The then-Loakes Park side managed to produce one of the shocks of the round as the non-

league outfit frustrated the top-flight North East team with a 0-0 draw in South Buckinghamshire, before narrowly losing 1-0 in the replay three days later.

Away from Wycombe, Reardon was best known for his time at Slough Town, where he played an incredible 475 times for the Berkshire-based team, scoring 90 goals.

Reardon would then manage the team where he masterminded an FA Cup win over Millwall for the Rebels during the 1982/83 season.

Outside of football, he worked as a

plumber.

A statement on Slough's website reads: "Terry's early years in football were marked by representative honours with the Slough and District Schools team, drawing massive crowds to the Dolphin on Saturday mornings.

"He represented the district side for four seasons and graduated to the county youth side at 17.

"Throughout his football career, Terry was a hard-working yet skilful midfielder.

"Terry played for Yiewsley before

joining Slough, where he spent four years.

"After a brief spell away, he returned to Slough and made a lasting impact.

"Beyond football, Terry represented the National Association of Boys' Clubs, Berks & Bucks FA, and was uniquely capped by both England and Wales at amateur level. He also played cricket for Berkshire.

"We extend our deepest condolences to Terry's family and friends at this sad time."

Double signing for the Chairboys this week

By James Richings

WYCOMBE Wanderers have continued to be busy during the early stages of the transfer window as they have announced the signings of two new players.

The Chairboys confirmed in the evening of June 5 that they have acquired the services of defender Jack Matton and forward Jaiden Bartol, who are expected to join in July.

Matton spent last season at Woking and Binfield through dual registration.

He has also been selected for the England under-18 schoolboys squad, captaining the Three Lions.

Meanwhile Bartol joins the Adams Park side after a successful spell at non-league Wealdstone.

The youngster has also played two games for the Gibraltar National Team, which includes featuring in his country's recent 2-0 home loss to Scotland this week.

He becomes the second Gibraltarian to be signed by Wycombe following Tjay De Barr, who was on the books at HP12 between August 2021 and January 2024.

Development Manager Sam Grace commented: "Both Jack and Jaiden acquitted themselves extremely well during their time here and earned the opportunity to join us on a permanent basis.

"Our development squad programme has gone from strength to strength, with one player having just achieved promotion to the Premier League, another is doing extremely well in the Championship, and we saw great signs from the youngsters who were given first-team opportunities both here at Wycombe and out on loan last sea-

son.

"We are looking to continually build on the progress we've made in youth development and we're delighted that two more youngsters with excellent potential in Jack and Jaiden will be joining us for the new season."

The duo have become the club's second and third signings so far this summer, following the arrival of Alex Hartridge, who joined from League One rivals, Exeter City, last week.

It is expected to be a busy summer for the Chairboys as many more faces are planned to join the club.

One name that has been linked is the Northern Irish striker, Lee Bonis.

The 24-year-old has scored 32 goals in 77 league appearances for Larne in his native homeland, and was recently called to the national team's recent squad to face Spain and Andorra respectively.

The club are looking for a new striker following Dale Taylor's return to Nottingham Forest after a successful loan period, but one face that won't be coming to Adams Park is Uche Ikpeazu.

The Ugandan target man has regularly been linked to a return to Adams Park since his departure in 2021, but he has since moved to St Johnstone.

He moves north of the border comes after his contract with Port Vale expired at the end of last season, as the Valiants were relegated back to League Two after a two-year spell in League One.



Wanderers have already signed three players this summer and are expected to sign a few more before the start of the season (NQ)

Wycombe Wanderers get credit for success

A FORMER Arsenal, Barcelona and Manchester City left-back has credited Wycombe Wanderers for having a role in helping Albania reach this year's European Championships.

Sylvinho, who featured six times for the Brazilian national team in the early 2000s, has been the manager of the Red and Blacks since January last year, winning six of his 12 games so far.

During his 18 months in the role, he decided to take notes of several of the Chairboys' fixtures during his first month in charge after hearing about the performances of Anis Mehmeti.

The winger was one of the best players for Wanderers that season, which included a run of scoring four times in six games.

He would then join Bristol City in the Championship at the end of that January for record fee.

Calling an uncapped Mehmeti to the Albanian squad for the March international did raise some questions, but it has paid off as the nation is getting ready to face Italy, Croatia and Spain at this year's championships in Germany.

Sylvinho's backroom staff include ex-Manchester City and West Ham United right-back, Pablo Zabaleta, and one-time Middlesbrough midfielder, Doriva.

He told BBC Sport: "Zaba [Zabaleta] played for a long time in England, so he still has his contacts there and brought us some information about Mehmeti.

"We started watching him in League One, but, right after it, he signed with Bristol City in the Championship, leading us to think, 'OK, the potential we're seeing here, others are seeing as well'.

"We knew there were many Albanians like him playing abroad."