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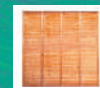
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## SPORT

Focus back on the cup for replay



Gareth Ainsworth (PA)

WHILST a replay is the last thing both teams wanted, Gareth Ainsworth has stated that he will not disrespect Hartlepool United in the FA Cup.

The two sides will meet on Tuesday, November 16 at Adams Park following their 2-2 draw at the Victoria Ground on November 6.

The winners will play Lincoln City in the second round and Sincil Bank at the beginning of December.

Ainsworth said: "I'm not taking anything for granted.

"We have to get passed Hartlepool and that was a tough test at the Victoria.

"They are a tough team, Anthony Sweeney has got the team playing well and they were really at us, they were in our faces and they got two good goals.

"I thought Hartlepool were outstanding. For a team that was in the National League last season, they didn't look like that at all.

"They managed the situation well and they gave us a real good game which is no surprise for me, as we were doing that a few years ago to other teams."

## A great month for Tafazolli

WYCOMBE defender Ryan Tafazolli has been named the club's Player of the Month for October.

The 30-year-old, who has started the last nine league games for the Chairboys, was presented with his award before the 4-1 home loss against Ipswich Town on November 2.

In October, Tafazolli played six games and scored three times – one of those goals was a last minute winner against Crewe Alexandra on October 23.

In that match, the centre back also scored the first goal of the match.

Tafazolli has also been nominated for FLW Fans' League One Player of the Month award for October.

# Wanderers rescue a replay in the FA Cup

By James Richings

WYCOMBE Wanderers will face Hartlepool United in a replay after they drew 2-2 away at Hartlepool United in the first round of the FA Cup.

The Adams Park outfit, who twice fell behind, avoided defeat thanks to goals from Chris Forino and a Joe Jacobson penalty, but, another fixture on top of their league commitments would have been the last thing Wycombe wanted.

The first-half saw Gareth Ainsworth's men dominate possession but the home-side have the chances, as the League Two outfit peppered Adam Przybek in the Wanderers goal.

Luke Molyneux had the first shot of the match but his effort from just inside the penalty area was saved, before Sam Vokes headed wide seconds later from point-blank range.

That was the best it got for Wycombe as Hartlepool started to control the cup tie.

Molyneux again tried his luck but his bending effort from 25-yards after 22 minutes went just wide, before a lob from Mark Cullen five minutes later hit the top of the net.

Wycombe just couldn't get into the contest with Daryl Horgan and Sullay Kaikai failing to pull the strings for Sam Vokes up top.

And Wycombe's inability to produce in the final third on top of Hartlepool's positive forward play eventually saw the home side take the lead on the stroke of half-time.

Maty Daly got himself away from several Wanderers players with some brilliant skill and individualism just outside the penalty area.

This carved open the Chairboys back line and after finding Cullen with a through ball, the strike composed himself and placed it past Przybek to give Hartlepool a deserved lead. The goal was the striker's fourth in his last five games.

Hartlepool taking the lead was a huge wake up call for Wanderers, as they improved in the second half.

Vokes' shot from close range was deflected wide and a Daryl Horgan half-



The fixture at Victoria Park was the first FA Cup tie between the two sides in the competition's 150-year-old history. And they'll do it all over again at Adams Park following a 2-2 draw in the North East on November 6

volley was easily gathered by Jonathan Mitchell.

However, the North East side should have sealed the win on 52 minutes, but Molyneux, who was found by Reegan Ogle, astonishingly placed the ball wide after having the freedom of the Wycombe penalty box.

Three ends of Victoria Park were left speechless as it looked to be a certain

goal.

This gave Wanderers a chance to get themselves back into the tie and on 62 minutes, they got themselves level through an unlikely source. Chris Forino, whose only game of the season so far was in the 3-1 home loss to the Aston Villa U21s in August, headed in a Curtis Thompson cross to make it 1-1.

However, Hartlepool regained the lead

just three minutes later through Molyneux.

The striker was found by Daly and all he had to do was put the ball over Przybek to score his fourth of the campaign, but Wycombe again found an equaliser with 17 minutes left.

Forino was cluttered in the box by Pools keeper Mitchell, and up stepped Joe Jacobson to score the penalty.



Wycombe boss Gareth Ainsworth (PA)

## Boss opens up after the Burton battering

WYCOMBE boss Gareth Ainsworth has shared his thoughts on his side's 5-0 thrashing to Burton Albion in the EFL Trophy.

A second-half hat-trick by former Chairboy Aaron Amadi-Holloway condemned Wanderers to their heaviest defeat of the season, with Charlie Lakin and Jonny Smith also getting on the scoresheet.

Speaking after the loss, Ainsworth said: "Don't get me wrong, I want to win the game.

"With our development squad in the

second half I learned a lot.

"There's a lot to learn and there are a lot of lessons there as we have conceded four set-pieces which included a goal from our kick-off which is huge in the game.

"These young lads need to get up to speed quickly because some will be in the first team and will be relied on with the likes of Chris Forino, Olly Pendlebury and Anis Mehmeti.

"I felt for them a bit near the end but, I want it to hurt them as I want them to know what it takes to be a

professional footballer and to have a long career like your Matt Bloomfields and your Joe Jacobsons.

"Some of our players were released by youth teams and we have picked them up from here, there and everywhere, so this is the first taste for men's football for them.

"We're trying to get loans out to give them some experience, but there is plenty for them to learn as those are the ones who have the careers and improving will guide them in the right direction."



# Cup draw is revealed

WYCOMBE Wanderers have been drawn to play Lincoln City in the FA Cup second round, if they were to defeat Hartlepool United in next week's replay.

The draw, which was conducted on Monday, November 8, saw the Chairboys be one of the first clubs to be pulled out of the hat, where they could face their League One rivals at the start of December.

However, Gareth Ainsworth's men will have to get past a dogged Hartlepool side who twice took the lead against the Chairboys in Saturday's original encounter which finished 2-2 at Victoria Park, and if it wasn't for a series of misses by Pools forward Luke Molyneux, Wanderers could already be out of the world's oldest football

competition.

But thanks to a late Joe Jacobson penalty, a replay was secured.

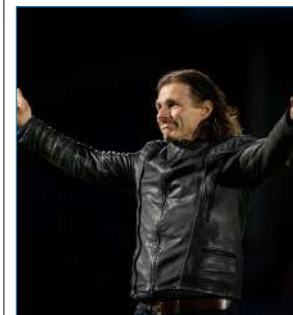
And if Wycombe were to defeat Anthony Sweeney's side next week, then another away day beckons for the Adams Park outfit as they will have travel to Sincil Bank to take on Michael Appleton's men.

Out of their 22 games so far this campaign, Wycombe have played 14 away from home.

However, following their trip to the North East, the Chairboys will play their next four matches at home, which will begin with their final EFL Trophy match against Burton Albion on Tuesday, November 9.

Fixtures against Portsmouth, Hartlepool United and Bolton Wanderers will then follow.

## Boss up for award after outstanding October



Gareth Ainsworth (PA)

WYCOMBE boss Gareth Ainsworth been shortlisted for the Sky Bet League One Manager of the Month award.

The 48-year-old guided his side to four wins and two draws in the league in October, which saw the Chairboys pick up 14 points in that time.

Notable matches include the thrilling 4-3 home win over Morecambe on October 2, which saw Curtis Thompson score an injury-time winner after Wanderers were 2-0 down at half-time.

Other prominent matches in October included the late 2-1 win over Crewe on October 23, and the comfortable victory against Doncaster Rovers on October 16.

Other managers that have been nominated after Ryan Lowe of Plymouth Argyle, Karl Robinson of Oxford United and Paul Warne of Rotherham United.

The winner will be announced on Friday morning - a day before Wanderers face Portsmouth at Adams Park on November 13.

## Burley moves to Berks on loan deal

WYCOMBE Wanderers have confirmed that Andre Burley has joined Maidenhead United on loan for the rest of the season.

The 22-year-old signed for the Berkshire outfit on November 5. This is his second loan move away from Adams Park as the Slough-born utility player spent some time at Hungerford Town last season.

The former Reading man, who has also played four matches for Saint Kitts and Nevis internationally, made, joined Wanderers last summer following his release from the Royals.

The defensive player made his debut for Wycombe in the League Cup win over Exeter City in August, before playing in the victory against Stevenage that same month. He also played in the 3-1 loss versus Aston Villa U21 in the EFL Trophy.



If Wycombe were to defeat Hartlepool United next week, they will travel up to Lincoln for the second round of the competition at the start of December (PA)

# Flurry of fixtures at home for Wanderers



Gareth Ainsworth will see his side play four games at home in the next 11 days following their draw away at Hartlepool United on Nov 6 (PA)

WYCOMBE boss Gareth Ainsworth has stated that his Wanderers team will have 'all hands to the pump', as a flurry of home fixtures beckons for the Chairboys.

Following their 2-2 draw at Hartlepool United on November 6 at Victoria Park in the FA Cup first round, Wycombe will now play their next four matches at home across an 11-day spell.

The first of the four was the 5-0 hammering against Burton Albion in the club's final EFL Trophy match of on November 9, before the Portsmouth battle four days on November 13 in the league.

The replay against Hartlepool in the world's oldest knockout competition will take place three days later on November 16, before their fourth and final match at home during the week-and-a-half stay will be against Bolton Wanderers.

Rotations are likely in the next 11 days, as Wycombe played numerous development players in the dead rubber against Albion.

Both the Chairboys and Albion were already out of the competition, but the fixture gave several development players and first-team players who are returning from injury, valuable minutes.

However, with the Portsmouth match four days later now being confirmed as on, the Wanderers boss hopes to give as many members of his squad as much game time as possible, as we head closer to the festive fixture list.

The Pompey bout was in doubt due to international call ups.

By James Richings

Speaking after the draw at Victoria Park, he said: "A replay after the Portsmouth game will mean it's going to be 'all hands to the pump' and when I can put in Chris Forino and Adam Przybek I thought played really well, with Tjay De Barr making a cameo at the end, on top of Anis Mehmeti and Sullay Kaikai getting minutes as well, we have got a squad strong enough to compete with this challenging fixture list.

"I am looking forward to see how we are tested in the coming weeks.

"However, back to winning ways in the league on Saturday will be a big bonus for me.

"I am looking forward to the next few weeks as we have got a deluge of exciting fixtures taking us into the Christmas period, and if we are in and around the top, then we have got a chance."

The draw in the North East against the Pools means Wanderers are now winless in three matches, where they have drawn two and lost one.

And on potentially facing Lincoln City in the second round of the FA Cup next month, if Wanderers were to get through at Hartlepool's expense on Tuesday's replay, the manager added: "It's always a nice place to go [Lincoln City] because of my playing days, as I spent two years there, but, we're not thinking about them as we have got Hartlepool and I don't want to disrespect them."



# SPORT

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## Notable absentees after Hartlepool tie



Adams Park

### The Blues are bullied by Burton Albion

AARON Amadi-Holloway scored a hat-trick against his old club as Wycombe Wanderers' EFL Trophy campaign ended with a whimper amid a 5-0 loss against Burton Albion at Adams Park.

Ten goals conceded, two scored and zero points sees the Chairboys finish bottom of their group - although the competition was by no means at the top of the club's priority list for the season.

The first-half lacked any real quality with the visitors dominating possession.

In fact, inside the first two minutes, they twice got in good positions within the final third of pitch and with Wanderers keeper Adam Przybek being indecisive with a cross and then a back pass, Albion could have been a couple of goals ahead if they were more alert.

Burton then hit the crossbar three minutes later through a Harry Chapman cross before having the contest's first real chance of the match - but Charlie Lakin's low free-kick from just outside the box on 13 minutes was easily gathered by Przybek.

This woke Gareth Ainsworth's men up as two minutes later, Olly Pendlebury tried his luck from range but his tame shot went wide of Ellery Balcombe's goal.

There was very little quality in the opening period but when it did arrive, it was something to admire.

On 25 minutes, Adam Leathers, who was making his debut for the club, unleashed a thunderbolt from 25-yards and the Burton shot-stopper did brilliantly to deny the former Leicester City man.

But the only bit of decent play from the first-half came from Wycombe as a through ball by Pendlebury found Anis Mehmeti, whose first time cross was met by Jordan Obita, but the left-back's half-volley was again denied by Balcombe in the Burton goal.

After Przybek produced a stunning save to deny Omari Patrick, he was helpless from the resulting corner as the set-piece was taken by Danny Rowe and headed in by Aaron Amadi-Holloway for his first of the campaign.

Albion then ran riot at Adams Park.

On 70 minutes, Amadi-Holloway got his second following a mistake from Przybek, before Charlie Lakin and Jonny Smith both scored within the same minute five minutes later.

The defeat means Wycombe are now winless in their last four matches.

Up next for the Chairboys is Portsmouth at Adams Park on November 13.



The cup tie versus Hartlepool finished 2-2 at Victoria Park, with Chris Forino and Joe Jacobson scoring Wycombe's goals to earn a replay (PA)

By James Richings

WYCOMBE Wanderers boss Gareth Ainsworth has explained why he made five changes in his side's 2-2 away draw at Hartlepool United in the FA Cup.

Notable absentees from the squad for the first round tie included David Stockdale, Ryan Tafazolli, Jack Grimmer, and Anthony Stewart.

This meant Wycombe started with no keeper on the bench and with just six substitutes.

However, second string players such as Adam Przybek and Chris Forino got to start at Victoria Park, with the latter scoring the first equaliser, and winning the penalty to rescue Wanderers from going out at the first round stage to

lower league opposition.

The two sides will meet again in 10 days time at Adams Park.

Speaking after the match, he said: "David Stockdale missed out due to illness, we've got to look after Akinfenwa as he is 39.

"We can't keep rolling him out every single game.

"And we had three big defenders out in Tafazolli, Grimmer and Stewart.

"Tafazolli and Stewart are injured and Anthony Stewart needed to stay with his family as he has got a baby due this weekend.

"If we had been an hour away, I probably would have said 'come and play and we'll get you off', but five hours away, I wouldn't have forgiven myself if he had missed the birth.

"That's what we do at Wycombe, and I stand by that decision because some things are more important than football, with that being one of them.

"I don't usually pick individuals out, but to score and be involved in the second goal, which is a penalty, I think it was the correct call - I thought he was solid.

"For someone who has only played 90 minutes in their football career, I thought he did brilliantly.

"He had given up a university place and worked with our development physio for six months and today has been awesome for him.

"The character the boys showed to get back into the game twice was superb as Hartlepool are a decent side.

"We are in the hat still and that's all that matters."

On Hartlepool, who took the lead twice thanks to goals from Mark Cullen and Luke Molyneux, the Chairboys boss added: "Don't ever take these cup ties lightly as we were this team three or four years ago and just because we have had a little bit of success, doesn't mean we're not totally respectful of these cup ties as we have done this to teams.

"Fair play to Hartlepool as they have really given us a game today.

"It was a really tough game.

"The weather conditions were really tough and considering the side we had to put out, with various pull outs, it was a great cup tie and I am pleased to still be in the hat."

The fixture on Saturday was the first meeting between the two since March 2017.