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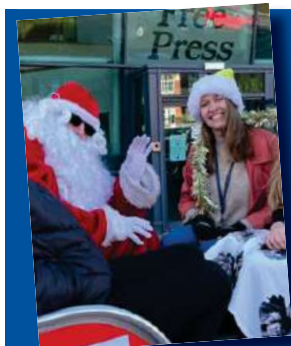
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A seven goal thriller defeat

RISBOROUGH Rangers fell to an incredible 4-3 home defeat against Thames Valley rivals Ardley United on November 22.

Taking place at the club's B.E.P Stadium, the Reds took the lead on 23 minutes through a terrific finish from Harry Scott.

The forward managed to latch onto a long pass and lobbed the keeper with one touch.

However, by the half-hour mark, Rangers were 2-1 down after goals from Conal Rogan and Lewis Gabbidon gave Ardley the lead.

Wiktor Makowski gave Risborough their equaliser on 40 minutes before the away side went 3-2 ahead just after the restart through Anacleot Odhiambo.

They then squandered the chance to go 4-2 ahead as they then missed a penalty.

Asher Yearwood made things level with a brilliant goal with 21 minutes remaining, but Ardley left Horsenden with all three points as Odhiambo scored the winner in the final few seconds.

Rangers remain in midtable in the Spartan South Midlands League Premier Division.

Attendance: 124

Chesham removed from cup

CHESHAM United have been disqualified from the Berks & Bucks Cup.

The Generals defeated Aylesbury United 2-0 at the Meadow on Tuesday, November 8 in the first round of the competition, and were due to play league rivals Beaconsfield Town in the next phase.

But on Friday, November 18, it was confirmed that they had been removed from the competition after accidentally fielding an ineligible player.

In their statement, the club said: "This was an honest mistake on our behalf, that occurred due to a mix-up with regards to a player who was playing for another local side on a dual-registration basis and that we found out afterward had played in an earlier round of the competition.

"We accept the County FA's decision and wish Aylesbury the best of luck in the next round."

Aylesbury United added: "We appreciate Chesham's honesty over the unintentional mistake and wish them the best for the rest of the season."

Focusing on the women's team



Wycombe Wanderers Women take on Ascot on Sunday, November 27 in Burnham

WYCOMBE Wanderers Women will take on Ascot United Ladies this week as they aim to move away from near the foot of the table.

The Chairgirls are second from bottom in the Southern Region Women's Football League table with one win for their opening seven games.

They take on an Ascot side third in the league and if they were to defeat Wanderers, they could go top of the table.

And even though Wycombe have lost five of their first seven matches this season, their only draw of the campaign so far happened to be against the Berkshire outfit.

When asked about the upcoming rematch against Ascot, assistant manager Dan Weber said: "We look forward to welcoming Ascot to the 1878 Stadium on Sunday off the back of a good performance last Sunday.

"We played Ascot a few weeks ago and felt we played well against the team at the top of the league at that time.

"We got a very good draw and possibly deserved more from the game.

"It has taken some time, but we are starting to now settle as a team, having brought in a lot of new players in the summer.

"Now let's see what they can do in the second half of the season."

The match will see season ticket holders for the men's team allowed entry for just £1 with under 16s going in for free.

By James Richings

This is due to the Chairboys not having a match this weekend.

In other Wycombe Wanderers Women's news, the reverse team defeat Kingsclere Women 9-2 last weekend as they remain top of their table.

A hat-trick from Shannon Read, a brace from Keira O'Leary along with strikes by Ciara Moore, Emily Norfolk, her twin sister, Amy Norfolk, and Charlotte Potter gave the young Swans a thumping win.

This means that they have won eight of their nine league matches this season, losing just once, as they sit top of the table on 24 points – eight clear of second place.

However, the first team lost 2-0 away at Abingdon United.

The stand out performer in the loss was Emily Strange.

Coach Dan Weber said of Emily's performance: "Emily was outstanding in goal today.

"She made several excellent saves, especially in the first half, and kept us in the game at stages when Abingdon got through. For a young goalkeeper Emily is growing week by week."

For all of the latest Wycombe Wanderers news (for the men and women's team) visit www.bucksfreepress.co.uk/sport or follow James Richings on Twitter @James_BFP.



Charley Grabczak (left), motivational speaker Peter Thatchell (centre) and Tia Latham (right) at the protest in London on Nov 18

Residents protest outside the Qatari embassy

TWO members of High Wycombe's LGBT community recently attended a protest outside the Qatari embassy in London.

Tia Latham, who identifies as an intersex transgender woman, and Charley Grabczak, who identifies as a gay man, joined thousands of people who descended to the St Audley Street location within the capital on Saturday, November 19.

The movement was in protest against the Gulf State country currently hosting the 2022 World Cup, in which they have been slammed regarding numerous controversies.

Qatar, which is the smallest nation to ever host football's largest

tournament, have been lambasted over its human rights record, alleged financial corruption and treatment of those who identify in the LGBT community.

Tia, who along with Charley were attacked in High Wycombe for being transgender and gay, said: "It is as if we are going back in time.

"To host a tournament in a country that is against the LGBT community is saying it's OK to treat us differently.

"I love football, I really like watching it, and I like watching the World Cup and seeing all the different nations play each other. But we're nearly in 2023 and it's so concerning that these laws are still around."

Ainsworth's analysis

WYCOMBE Wanderers manager Gareth Ainsworth has said that he was 'disappointed' with the club's performance against Cheltenham Town on November 19.

An Alfie May goal midway through the opening period saw the Robins defeat the Chairboys 1-0, in what is only the third time Wanderers have lost away at Cheltenham.

And despite having several decent attempts on goal, the Adams Park team looked jaded, flat, and lethargic in possession.

This carelessness led to Cheltenham getting the only goal of the contest.

The defeat means Wycombe will have to wait two weeks to try and put things right, when they take on

Portsmouth at Adams Park on December 4.

Ainsworth told the press: "I wanted my team to sit on a win for two weeks, but we will have to see what we are going to do for the next game.

"Teams have built barriers against us, and it's a case of how you break them down.

"We keep the ball well at the back and have a lot of possession but it's about quality in the final third, and we need to break down teams better than what we did today.

"I am disappointed with the quality we had in the final third as we were not precise enough.

"Our passing, our shots, and if we don't do that you're not going to win games."

Wanderers skipper is suspended for 3 games



Joe Jacobson (PA)

WYCOMBE Wanderers have confirmed that club captain Joe Jacobson will be suspended for the next three league games.

The Welshman was involved in a melee between the Chairboys and Forest Green Rovers players on November 12 at the Bolt New Lawn Stadium, which Wycombe won 2-0.

During the scrap, Jacobson was deemed to have reacted angrily and his actions were missed by the matchday officials.

He has since missed Wycombe's 1-0 away loss at Cheltenham Town on November 19, before being absent against Portsmouth on December 4, and Lincoln City on December 10.

A statement that was published on November 18 said: "Wycombe Wanderers FC's Joe Jacobson has been suspended for three matches for breaching FA Rule E20.1 during the EFL League One fixture against Forest Green Rovers on Saturday, November 12, 2022.

"The defender admitted that his behaviour during the 57th minute, in an incident not seen by match officials but caught on video, constituted violent conduct."

Speaking on his ban, Jacobson took to Twitter to say: "Gutted to be missing the next few games.

"I shouldn't have got involved the way I did.

"I crossed the line and have to take the ban. I'll be down at Cheltenham tomorrow supporting the

@wwfcofficial boys as always."

Since joining the club in the summer of 2014, Jacobson has played nearly 400 times for the Chairboys.

In unrelated news, Wycombe have also confirmed that Adam Leathers has joined Non League Hampton and Richmond Borough on loan.

The transfer was confirmed on November 18 and is expected to be at the club until January.

Leathers made his Football League debut for Wanderers in October against Plymouth.



Gareth Ainsworth wanted his side to 'sit on a win for two weeks' as Wycombe don't play again until December 4 (PA)

What went wrong for the Chairboys?



Gareth Ainsworth wasn't pleased with Wycombe's display away at Cheltenham (PA)

GARETH Ainsworth has stated that Wycombe Wanderers' 1-0 away loss against Cheltenham Town is a 'tough result to take', as the Chairboys fell to their eighth defeat of the league season.

After defeating Gloucestershire rivals Forest Green Rovers on the road 2-0 just one week earlier, Wanderers started off well with Garath McCleary, Anis Mehmeti, and Sam Vokes all testing Luke Southwood in the Robins goal.

But after Alfie May scored his fifth goal in two games against the Chairboys, in what was his fifth strike of the campaign, Wycombe looked flat and did not majorly threaten Southwood during the contest.

The result means Wanderers are now exactly in midtable as they sit 12th in League One.

Ainsworth said: "We are considered a big club in this league now so teams will want to get a result against us.

"And when the final whistle went, the cheer from the home crowd was so loud as this is a big win for them.

"We didn't get any luck in the game today [November 19], but you need to make your own luck.

"You have got to win those personal battles, you need to have quality on the ball and I will be working on that so don't worry about that.

"We had the long ball up to Vokes but when it dropped, we

By James Richings

had to settle it better and that didn't happen today.

"Every deflection, every ricochet, every loose ball fell to them, and sometimes, those things happen.

"Today is one of those frustrating days where they had a couple of shots on goal and deflected attempt goes in.

"But you have got to give Cheltenham credit as they scrapped, they fought and they defended at six at the back at times and pretty much said 'try and break us down' and we couldn't.

"We got in their final third and huffed and puffed but we didn't do enough that was major.

"Today is a tough result to take and we will go again in two weeks' time."

The defeat has ended Wycombe's nine-match unbeaten run against the Robins, with Cheltenham's last victory over the Chairboys coming on November 16, 2013.

Wycombe's next fixtures:

Dec 4: Portsmouth (H)
Dec 10: Lincoln City (A)
Dec 17: Ipswich Town (H)
Dec 26: Bristol Rovers (H)
Dec 29: Plymouth Argyle (A)
Jan 1: Peterborough United (A)
Jan 7: Oxford United (H)
Jan 14: Sheffield Wednesday (H)
Jan 21: Bristol Rovers (A)
Jan 28: Fleetwood Town (H)

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Ex-Chairboy Cash makes World Cup debut for Poland in draw

FORMER Wycombe Wanderers youth team player Matthew Cash started in Poland's opening World Cup match against Mexico.

The fixture, which took place on November 22, saw the ex-Chairboy start as a right-wing back, donning the number two shirt as the Eagles drew 0-0 with the Central American country.

Cash spent two years in the Wanderers youth setup but was released at the conclusion of the 2011/12 season, aged 14.

This was due to the club's decision to disband its youth system following significant financial issues, leaving them to be the only Football League team at the time not to have an academy.

After leaving the Adams

Park team, Cash became part of the FAB Academy for the 2013/14 season, before joining Nottingham Forest.

He spent six years at the City Ground where he played 141 times and scored 13 goals, before signing for Aston Villa in the Premier League in 2020 for £14m.

His time at Villa Park so far has seen the 25-year-old feature

in 82 matches, and at the end of the 2021/22 campaign, he was named the club's Player of the Year.

Internationally, Cash is of Polish descent through his mother and chose to represent the country after gaining a Polish passport in October 2021.

Prior to this appearance, he had played seven times for the Eagles, scoring once.

Defeated ahead of a week's break

ALFIE May's deflected strike was all that separated the two sides as Cheltenham Town defeated Wycombe Wanderers 1-0 at the Completely-Suzuki Stadium.

The away side started off the better as Luke Southwood denied Garath McCleary's stinging shot after just two minutes.

The Jamaican, who scored a stunning goal against Forest Green Rovers in the West Country seven days earlier on November 12, again went close five minutes later, but his attempt from just inside the box dragged wide.

The opening 20 minutes saw Wanderers boss the ball and cause the Robins to make several mistakes and midway through the first half, Wycombe were again very close to taking the lead.

Liam Sercombe, who was once of Oxford United, lost the ball just outside the Cheltenham box and David Wheeler was first on hand to latch onto the loose ball, but just like McCleary, his attempt went wide.

And these missed chances punished Wanderers as the hosts went a goal up on 25 minutes.

After Nick Freeman carelessly gave the ball away on the left wing, Cheltenham counter attacked which resulted in May's deflected shot looping over Max Strzyk and into the goal.

It was his fifth of the season and his fifth versus the Chairboys in two matches.

Wanderers dropped off the pace as the opening period came to its conclusion, but Sam Vokes and Anis Mehmeti did force

Southwood into two important saves in the final few seconds of the first half, but the second period saw few chances for both sides.

Wanderers' best effort fell to Alfie Mawson, as the centre back dribbled unchallenged for about around 20-yards.

His long run culminated in having an effort from just outside the box and after it took a wicked deflection, the ball looped just wide of Southwood's goal on 57 minutes.

Mawson has not scored a goal in any capacity since netting the winner in a 1-0 victory over Liverpool for Swansea City in the Premier League.

This was in January 2018.

Cheltenham could have wrapped up the win with four minutes remaining, but May's free-kick from just outside the box went over Strzyk's goal.

In truth, Wanderers were flat in the West Country and although they controlled possession and got into the final third on numerous occasions, they couldn't break down a stubborn Robins defence.

The result means Wycombe's nine-match unbeaten run against Cheltenham has come to end, in what was only their third away loss at Whaddon Road.

Cheltenham are now unbeaten in four and have picked up eight points from the last 12 available.

Wanderers' next match isn't until December 4 when they take on Portsmouth at Adams Park which is live on Sky Sports.



Wanderers loss against Cheltenham was their eighth in League One (PA)



Gareth Ainsworth (PA)

Frustrated following away loss

GARETH Ainsworth has admitted that some of his players 'were not as good as last week' as the Chairboys fell to a 1-0 away loss against Cheltenham Town.

Alfie May scored the game's only goal in the first half to condemn the Adams Park team to their eighth league loss of the campaign on November 19.

During the contest, Wanderers rarely threatened Luke Southwood in the Robins goal, with the performance being the polar opposite of Wycombe's brilliant display at Forest Green Rovers just seven days previously.

Ainsworth said: "At Forest Green Rovers we played some brilliant stuff around the box, but today, [November 19], there was a lack of quality in the final third.

"Last week, we played some fantastic stuff in and around the box and were superb but today, it wasn't the case and I need to make sure that we work hard to put things right against Portsmouth.

"Some players were not as good as last week, so we have to try and fix things as our next game is at home live on TV, so what an occasion that will be."

"But we need to remember that this is a team [Cheltenham] that got a point away at Ipswich last week so they are a good side."