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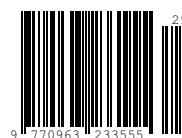
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# SPORT



## FOOTBALL: Wycombe Wanderers vs Leicester City

# Will the Vardy party be arriving in Wycombe?



Adam Przybek (Prime Media)

## Ex-WBA GK joins Wycombe

**ADAM PRZYBEK IS THE CHAIRBOYS' FOURTH SUMMER SIGNING SO FAR**

WYCOMBE Wanderers have confirmed the signing of former West Bromwich Albion goalkeeper Adam Przybek on a one-year-contract.

The 20-year-old, who spent the last two seasons with Ipswich Town in League One, joined the Chairboys on July 17 – the same day Wanderers defeated League Two Stevenage in a training match on Marlow Road.

Przybek, who has represented Wales three times for the Under 21 side, has also played for Worcester City, Gloucester City, Rushall Olympic, Braintree Town, Concord Rangers and Chesterfield in the Non League.

Wycombe manager Gareth Ainsworth said: "Adam came to train with us at the end of last season and Lee Harrison, who I trust implicitly, was a big fan of his.

"He's a big lad, he'll come for the ball, command his area, and he comes in as competition for David Stockdale, who will start as our number one as everybody knows.

"It's great to have this talent – with Curtis Anderson as well – under Stocko, who will work with them and nurture them, and with Lee Harrison as well, who does a phenomenal job, Adam is in a good place here."

Przybek's arrival, the fourth at Adams Park this summer, came on the same day in which they defeated Stevenage 1-0 in a training match at the club's Marlow Road training ground, with Scott Kashket getting the winner.

The team that defeated Stevenage: First-half: Stockdale, Trialist, Trialist, Jacobson, Obita, Pendlebury, Gape, Scowen, McCleary, Kashket, Linton.

Second-half: Stockdale, Grimmer, Trialist-DF1, Burley, McCarthy, Trialist, Bloomfield, Mehmeti, Horgan, Samuel, Trialist.

Wanderers' only pre-season friendly at Adams Park is against Leicester City on Wednesday, July 28, where fans will be allowed to enter the stadium to watch the Chairboys play for the first time since December last year, when they faced Coventry City in a 2-1 defeat (PA)

By Jamie Cameron

IT will be a celebratory atmosphere at Adams Park on Wednesday as FA Cup winners Leicester City come to town in Wycombe's only first-team friendly in front of fans.

The game is the first chance for supporters to watch Wanderers' star men in action in 2021, and with up to 5,000 permitted, it will be the largest attendance at Adams Park since the start of the pandemic.

So far, Wycombe's pre-season schedule has been a relatively low-profile one, with in-house practice matches the order of the day in an attempt to reduce the risk of any Covid-19 complications.

However, that will change with the visit of the Foxes to Buckinghamshire as Wanderers fans come together to celebrate a special period in the club's history and look ahead to an exciting League One campaign.

They'll be able to see the two big summer additions so far in the quarters: Josh Scowen, a former

Chairboys favourite, and Sullay Kaikai, a promotion winner from the third-tier last time around.

Incredibly, it will also be Albanian starlet Anis Mehmeti's first chance to impress the Adams Park faithful – he was an unused substitute in the two matches with fans present last season.

The atmosphere would perhaps reach fever-pitch if Wycombe had signed a striker to replace Uche Ikpeazu by the time the friendly comes around.

Although Scott Kashket looks in fine fettle, Gareth Ainsworth will have his eyes on one or two reinforcements in that area of the pitch to complement the abilities of Alex Samuel and Adebayo Akinfenwa.

Of course, it's only a pre-season friendly, but the game will still be a stern test for Wanderers and takes place just ten days before the first

league fixture against Accrington.

Leicester have been one of the success stories of English football in recent years, and even without that unbelievable Premier League title, they've been a club transformed into a top-six regular.

It's something of a coup for Wycombe to attract Brendan Rodgers' side for a friendly, as the Foxes build towards their Premier League opener at home to Wolves and a Europa League group stage campaign.

It may seem a daunting task for the Chairboys, but Ainsworth's men won five of their last eight games in the Championship and the club has some very fond memories of facing Leicester.

One of the most famous days in Wycombe's history saw them knock the east Midlands side out of the FA Cup on the way to a magical semi-final appearance.

The pair's most recent meeting came in the 2013-14 League Cup, when the Foxes got revenge with a late winner of their own.

Leicester have looked good in the transfer market with impressive deals for young duo Patson Daka and Boubakary Soumaré.

They also have James Justin in their ranks, who caused the Chairboys all sorts of problems during Luton's promotion campaign from League One.

The side that faces Wycombe is likely to be a mix of first-team players and youngsters, but with names like Wesley Fofana, James Maddison and Jamie Vardy in the squad, it will be an occasion to savour.

Kicking off at 7.30pm, the match will see the new signings take to the pitch, with the supporters also enjoying the club's new super-fast wifi, audio system, FETCH food ordering service and a drink at the Chairboys Village, as well as seeing the team's new away kit, which will also include the goalkeeper and training shirts. For the past two seasons, (2019/20 and 2020/21), Wanderers' away kit has been an all-yellow strip. Visit [wwfc.com](http://wwfc.com) for ticket info.