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Man arrested after stabbing

Estate neighbours left shaken



A SUSPECT, aged 35, from High Wycombe is in custody after a man was stabbed at a small housing estate in Princes Risborough.

The Wycombe man was detained on suspicion of causing grievous bodily harm with intent after a man in his 30s was stabbed in Laidler Gardens at 10.45pm on Tuesday.

The victim was taken to hospital after suffering a head injury.

By Eleanor Burleigh

Police have reassured residents of the housing estate that the people involved were thought to be known to each other and pose no wider public risk.

However, neighbours were left shaken by the experience of an incident on their doorstep.

One young parent, who did not

want to be named, said they heard shouting on Tuesday night, but stayed inside with their child rather than risking venturing out. They added: "You think you're moving to a safe area, then this happens."

Officers were on the ground, speaking to residents and searching undergrowth with sniffer dogs.

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Sport

HOCKEY

Marlow Women 1sts earn another point

Marlow Women 1st earned a big point in their debut National League season, drawing 2-2 with Cheltenham.

The hosts started well and dominated possession, with Marlow Keeper Alys Ramm having to make an incredible save in the first two minutes. Cheltenham were the first to score in the dying minutes of the first quarter with a shot from close range. Cheltenham doubled their lead seconds after the whistle blew to start the second quarter.

This motivated Marlow to attack with more ferocity and were awarded a penalty stroke following a defensive foul. Martha Goodridge confidently slotted the ball past the Cheltenham keeper to reduce the deficit in half.

Luisa Northing was unlucky not to equalise with her shot narrowly missing the far post. Rachel Clarke showed composure in attack, finding herself alone with the keeper after a great ball through by her fellow forward Lauren Hilditch.

Clarke slotted the ball past the keeper to level the scores.

Both sides kept searching for the winner with defender Emily Thatcher making a goal-line save to keep the final score all-square.

Other results:-The 2nd team lost 1-0 away to Wallingford 1st, 3rds drew 1-1 with Newbury & Thatcham 1st, 4s lost 2-1 away to Newbury & Thatcham 2s; 5s lost 4-1 to Reading 6, 6s beat Maidenhead 4s 2-1 away, 7s lost 3-0 away to Slough 3



Lauren Hilditch for Marlow

FOOTBALL

Four points in three days for Chesham

Chesham United earned four points in three days with a 1-1 draw at Weymouth on Saturday and a 3-1 win over Chippenham Town on Tuesday.

With two games in three days, and despite the excitement of a big home tie against Lincoln City in the FA Cup, some solid performances in the league remain a priority so a good performance at the first game, an away trip to Weymouth was critical. However, it was a poor game despite Chesham looking comfortable for much of the game.

Chesham made a positive start with Mitchell Weiss setting up Alex Lafleur who fired the ball across goal from the left edge of the area. In the next minute Weiss won possession on the left and set up Samson Esan, who ran on to shoot past keeper Will Buse into the far corner of the net to give Chesham a 0-1 lead at half time.

In the second half, despite Weymouth showing nothing in attack they found an equaliser with six minutes to go, when a free kick ran loose in the Chesham area and Ben Goode made two smart saves but could not keep out Charlie Rowan's follow-up. 1-1 at full-time and on balance a disappointing afternoon for Chesham.

And so on to Tuesday night under lights! Chesham again showed their remarkable penchant for scoring late goals as they netted three times in the last few minutes after trailing for over an hour. Chesham have now scored 28 goals this season and 12 of them have come after the 80th minute.

Chesham were starting to get a foothold in the game when the visitors took the lead on 26 minutes, Harry Parsons running on to a through ball and firing into the corner of the net from the edge of the area. Despite some endeavour from Chesham the half finished with the home team trailing.

Chesham were starting to come into the game but there was little to show for it, although Chippenham's yellow card count grew with three in seven minutes. Chippenham's fifth yellow card was a second for Dawes, and Chesham took control of the game. As the game went into the closing minutes Chesham eventually broke through when Nathan Minhas crossed low and Jack Cawley fired into the net. Chesham were now looking for a winner and from a corner Omar Rowe's kick came through a crowd of players to the far post, where Steve Brown fired home to turn the game on its head. The visitors had nothing left and Chesham managed a third, an own goal, deep into stoppage time. That result puts Chesham 12th in National League South.

On Sunday Chesham's women had an away fixture in the Berks & Bucks Senior Women's Cup and came away with a very solid 3-0 win giving them an away tie against Penn & Tylers in the next round.

Chesham United play Enfield Town away on Saturday 26th and Chesham's women are also away against Real Bedford on Sunday in the FAWNL.

FOOTBALL

Holmer Green surrender two-goal lead to at home

Holmer Green saw a two-goal margin dissipate in a 2-2 draw with Hillingdon on Saturday in Combined Counties Division One.

It could be seen as a point gained, with Hillingdon not scoring from their first penalty and proving to be as talented as any opponents faced this season. Add to this that their goalkeeper displayed the safest pair of hands seen at Watchet Lane for some time, Borough will be a difficult side to beat.

The Greens were able to field a strong line-up, missing only Alex Colverd who was injured in Thursday's training.

The first 15 minutes were even before Hillingdon conceded two quick goals.

On 18 minutes, pressure on their defence led to the aforementioned goalie having to pick a back pass up to prevent a half chance. A neat free-kick routine including Matt Wooster and Theo Alexander ended with Martin Lancaster laying the ball off to Liam Butters. The young centre-back had an angle which caught the defence and custodian off guard, and the ball flashed low past the latter into the bottom far corner.

The visitors immediately got themselves in trouble at the back again with Lloyd Majaya and Jeffrey Fordjour hounding them. The home side's top-scorer found himself with the ball one on one with the last defender and easily found the net from close range. The visitors survived more attacking play from Holmer over the next ten minutes or so, and the visitors sensed a way back.

Not long after Jensen Ellis had clutched a dangerous low centre well, The Greens gave away a needless penalty. With the ball still almost eighteen yards from his goal a

By John Anderson

home defender pulled back a wriggling attacker, and conceded a spot-kick. Ellis was equal to the fierce attempt, beating the ball away safely and impressively. The home erred twice more before half-time, being suckered into two needless cautions.

The second period was only six minutes old when Sammy Hill was yellow-carded for a petulant trip as Holmer wasted a promising piece of possession 80 yards from their own goal.

Seven minutes later, one of The Greens old failings let Borough back into the game. A shot was allowed in virtually unchallenged from 30 yards, and it proved to be a cracker.

As the visitors now looked much the better side, a long through ball on 75 minutes caught the home central defence and 'keeper dithering. A speedy forward sensed his chance and Ellis picked up the home side's fourth caution with a genuine attempt at the ball which proved to be a little late. This penalty was not wasted by Borough, and they might have been expected to go on and win the game.

Holmer regrouped and went on to play some of their best football in what became an open game with both teams going for the extra points. There was a final stoppage-time caution for Fordjour similar to Sims in the first half, for delaying the restart of play.

Holmer are not a dirty team by any means, but five cautions in one game is unnecessary and too excessive. If Holmer cannot cut this failing out, they will pay for it in suspensions.



Holmer Green. Credit: James Richings

Beaconsfield Town winless run stretches to 10 matches

BEACONSFIELD Town's winless run extended to 10 games as they lost back-to-back league games against bottom club Northwood and top of the table Hadley.

Beaconsfield had an excellent start to Saturday's 2-1 defeat against Northwood, taking the lead within the first minute thanks to captain Ben Tricker's goal, poking the ball home from a well taken corner. It looked like the start of a comfortable afternoon for The Rams against the leagues bottom placed side.

The Rams dominated the opening 15 minutes, with Josh Marcon's effort saved by the Northwood number one to keep the lead.

Northwood began to find their feet in the game with half an hour played and snatched an equaliser in the 33rd minute through Godlove Oppong- their first shot at goal.

The game began to become scrappy and as they entered added time Northwood took the lead through Adeniyi Gbolahan who made the most of some poor defensive work from The Rams.

The second half started with plenty of work to do for Beaconsfield but despite them making changes and pressing hard, there was no way through the Northwood defence.

Beaconsfield came close to an equaliser on a handful of occasions with notable efforts from Manu Oke - William, who headed just wide of the post.

Max Jarzabek saw his



Beaconsfield Town

curling shot palmed away, before a spectacular overhead kick from youth team star Troy Williams flew inches wide of the post. Despite The Rams pressure Northwood held on till the final whistle to earn themselves their first win of the season.

On to Tuesday night, Hadley recovered from a goal down to beat the Rams 3-1 and remain top of Southern League Division One South.

In an opening half that be-

longed to Beaconsfield, they took a lead into the break through an excellent free kick scored by Josh Marcon.

However, the second half was very different for the Rams. Hadley grew into the game and started to show the quality that has taken them to top of the tree. They found an equaliser, followed quickly by a second to take the lead and turn the game on its head in a matter of minutes as Beaconsfield looked stunned as to

how quickly the game had changed. A third was added form a corer to rub salt in the Rams wounds.

Beaconsfield face AFC Dunstable back at Holloways Park on Saturday, where they hope their luck will finally turn.

*Beaconsfield Town Ladies continued their unbeaten start with a convincing 6-2 victory over Slough Town in the County Cup.

First half goals from Lucy Casey, Dom Carrington and

Katie Riddington had the Rams 3-2 ahead at the break.

In the second half, substitutions proved the key factor with Mia Thomson, Ruby Harris, Nicole Brown and Emma Newbery gave the Reds what they needed to pull clear in this local cup derby.

Three second half goals, two from Brown and one by Riddington, sealed the win.

The Rams host Penn and Tyler in the league on Sunday at Holloways Park.

HOCKEY

Marlow edged out at home

MARLOW Hockey Club men's 1sts narrowly lost a seven-goal thriller with Amersham and Chalfont, going down 3-4 at home.

The visitors worked hard, executed their set pieces well and played better hockey- with three of their four goals coming from well-taken penalty corners.

Mark Lowden, Theo Seymour and Sam North scored for the hosts but it was not to be enough.

Marlow are now in third place and will need to learn from this first defeat of the season and pick themselves up after the half-term break when they will be playing away at Haslemere on November 2.

Match details: 0-1 (A&C P corner), 1-1 (Mark Lowden), 1-2 (A&C PC), 2-2 (Theo Seymour), 2-3 (A&C PC), 3-3 (Sam North PC), 3-4 (A&C field goal after a good move).

*Other results:- 2nd team lost 4-2 away to Eastcote 1st. 3s beat Oxford University 3 3-0 away, 4s drew 1-1 with Oxford 4, 5s beat S. Berks 4 5-4; 6s beat Yateley 3 2-0 away, 7s lost 2-0 to Wallingford 4.

*Tickets are still available for next month's 'Race Night' at the hockey club.

On Saturday, November 9, tickets are £20 and includes burger and chips.

Visit www.marlowhcc.co.uk for more details.

FOOTBALL

Senior Cup draw

THE draw for the Women's Berks and Bucks Senior Cup has been made, with plenty of intriguing ties to come up.

Ascot United v Newport Pagnell

Abingdon United v Caversham United OR Reading

Penn & Tylers Green v Chesham United

Beaconsfield Town v Maidenhead United

Ties are due to take place on Sunday, November 17.

Reading and Caversham are playing on Sunday after their clash, which was scheduled for last weekend, was postponed due to a waterlogged pitch.

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FOOTBALL

Flackwell play out entertaining draw

FLACKWELL Heath kept up their promising run of form with an entertaining 3-3 draw at Kings Langley.

The first goal of a competitive 3-3 draw came from Flackwell striker Michael Harding, finishing smartly in the 23rd minute, with James Towell pegging the Heathens back on the stroke of half time.

The home side started the second half the brighter, with Bradley Smith firing into the top corner on the 47th minute. Undeterred, Flackwell hit back in the 64th minute, thanks to the in-form Wiktor Makowski, and it was Makowski again six minutes later who put the Heathens 3-2 up, only for Qasim Khan to fire home in the dying embers of the second half.

Attention now moves to Saturday, as Flackwell look to take this impressive run into a tasty fixture with Real Bedford, who defeated them last season in the FA Vase.



Flackwell Heath celebrate. Credit: Glenn Alcock

Sport

WANDERERS COME BACK TO BEAT THE BORO

'We need to be honest - we are way off it'

PETERBOROUGH United boss Darren Ferguson said his side are 'failing miserably' as they lost 3-1 away to Wycombe Wanderers.

The Posh had taken the lead through Ricky-Jade Jones but a hat-trick inside 10 second-half minutes by substitute Richard Kone gave the Chairboys all three points, as they made it eight league games unbeaten.

Ferguson's team, at the time of writing, have conceded the most goals in the

league this season with 24, and are yet to keep a clean sheet.

They have also conceded three goals in four of their last six matches in League One.

Speaking at full-time, the Scotsman said: "This is not good enough and we need to be honest here.

"We're failing miserably at the moment in terms of one part of the pitch in particular, but it is my responsibility to improve.

"It's not plain sailing as a manager, but you need to find that desire and find a way to continue putting in that extra work.

"Sometimes is about the desire in keeping the ball out of the net and the first goal we conceded is appalling.

"We need to be honest here - we are way off.

"If you keep conceding three goals a game, you're going to be in trouble."

Wycombe next play Peterborough in the league in March.



Darren Ferguson was not happy with his side's display

WANDERERS

Burton sack boss after defeat to Wanderers

BURTON Albion have sacked coach Mark Robinson roughly 12 hours after the Brewers lost 3-2 at home to Wycombe Wanderers.

After the most recent defeat, the Staffordshire-based team had lost nine of his 14 games in charge, winning just once.

He had been appointed in June and signed an incredible 23 new players at the Pirelli Stadium, but his time with the club is now officially over.

The result on Tuesday night means Burton are the only team in League One yet to win a game all season, gaining just four points from the first 33 available.

Speaking on his departure, Robinson said: "I'd like to thank everyone at Burton Albion for giving me this opportunity, all the staff for their support during my time here, and a special mention to the supporters who have stuck with the team throughout.

"I wish nothing but the best for all of you for the remainder of this season and beyond."

His comments came one day after Burton lost for the sixth league game in a row, as the Chairboys' victory proved to be the final nail in the coffin for the ex-AFC Wimbledon man.

Bendik Hareide, one of Burton's co-owners, said: "We have to be objective with our decision-making, and we feel we have reached a point where a change is necessary to improve the team's results.

"We believe we have a talented squad, and we remain committed to our football strategy. Now is the time to re-group and look to deliver a positive season for our fantastic supporters.

"We thank Robbo for all of his efforts. He will always be welcome at the Pirelli and we wish him the very best of luck for the future."

Speaking on the match against Wycombe, he said: "It comes down to a lack of concentration, certainly the third goal, and it has really cost us.

"We were more direct and went away from the football we want to play and we have still conceded three goals.

"We had a meeting about the situation of concentration but we have switched off again and they have made us pay.

"We knew we needed to win second balls against a side like Wycombe and we didn't do anywhere near enough of that in the first half and we seemed to take the option to go longer which wasn't necessarily part of the plan.

"We all want it to work so badly but we have to keep working hard to find a way out of the situation we are in."

WYCOMBE WANDERERS 3-1 PETERBOROUGH

King Rich takes the crown in victory over the Posh

SECOND half substitute Richard Kone scored a hat-trick inside 10 minutes as Wycombe Wanderers came back from behind to beat 10-man Peterborough United 3-1 at Adams Park.

In an incredible turn of events in South Buckinghamshire, the Chairboys began the first half the better, as Dan Harvie, Caleb Taylor, and Garath McCleary all went close.

The Posh rarely threatened as they did well to hold back a wave of Wanderers attacks.

The visitors' best chance of the opening period fell to Ricky-Jade Jones, who was thwarted by Wanderers goalkeeper Franco Ravizoli.

The second 45 saw Darren Ferguson's side look the better of the two teams, as they took the lead five minutes after the restart.

Jones tapped in Kwame Poku's cross from close-range, but the fixture turned on its head within 10 minutes as Wycombe found themselves 3-1 up.

After he replaced Fred Onyedina on the hour mark, the Ivorian scored Wanderers' equaliser two minutes later with a deflected volley.

Sixty seconds later, Kone got his second after he headed home a Josh Scowen long ball, and he secured his trio of strikes on minute 70 with a penalty.

Emmanuel Fernandez was given a second yellow card for a deliberate handball in the area, and up stepped the 21-year-old who sent Steer the wrong way.

The result means Wycombe move into third, whilst Peterborough drop to 13th.

Kone's heroics means he has now scored eight in 15 matches

By James Richings

for Wycombe this season.

Prior to his hat-trick, the striker's last goal in the league at Adams Park was in the 2-2 draw against Fleetwood Town on January, 27 - 266 days prior.

It is also the first time since 2022 that Wanderers have won four in a row at home, whilst they have made it eight league games unbeaten.

When told that Wycombe had scored 20 goals in 10 games this season, Bloomfield said: "I didn't know that.

"I try not to look at that as I focus on each game in isolation, especially after the first two games [which Wanderers lost 3-2 to both Wrexham and Birmingham City].

"We're making baby steps in terms of the team that we want to become as we're still evolving, so credit to them for the work they put in.

"We didn't have a game last Saturday, but you wouldn't think it based on the work effort they put in training.

"They were brilliant on Tuesday and Wednesday, and the group that went to QPR were intense with their work.

"They have done everything they have asked us to do.

"Peterborough are a top team in our division and we had three very good games against them last season, so I knew that it was going to be a good game today.

"We knew that we needed to be on top and we're pleased with the outcome."

Up next is Leyton Orient on October 26.

Attendance: 4,345



Richard Kone's target for the season was 15 goals. He is already on eight just two-and-a-half months in (Matt Cecil)

Nine unbeaten for the Chairboys



Wycombe hadn't beaten Burton in three games ahead of Tuesday night's clash (PA)



Wycombe's last win at the Pirrelli was on the final day of the 2021/22 season, which Wanderers won 2-1

By Jayden Wilkins

WYCOMBE Wanderers made it nine games unbeaten in the league as they defeated bottom-of-the-table Burton Albion 3-2 at the Pirrelli Stadium.

The Chairboys started the game brightly, and deservedly took the lead after 16 minutes when Gideon Kodua scored his first goal for the club.

An utterly outrageous reverse pass from Josh Scowen set the West Ham loanee free in the box, where he composed himself to fire past Harry Isted.

Luke Leahy had a great chance to make it 2-0 after Scowen was again involved, cutting the ball back across goal from a long ball, but, the Brewers defended stoutly, putting bodies on the



Josh Scowen was named Wycombe's man of the match in the win over Burton

line to keep the midfielder's shot out.

Despite the pressure, Burton didn't give up as they equalised on 20 minutes.

Daniel Harvie was caught out of position, which allowed Mason Bennett's overhit cross was eventually met by Danilo Orsi who tapped-in from close-range.

Wycombe were glad to hear the whistle for half-time with the scores still level, as Burton looked to have the Chairboys on the ropes.

Once again, it was an electric start to the second half for the Blues as they regained the lead early on.

Former Brewer Bez Lubala cut inside and smashed a shot off the far post, which allowed Luke Leahy to react the quickest, as he steered the ball past Isted to make it 2-1.

Wanderers were in control but from the blue, Burton equalised again through Charlie Webster, who scored from range.

There was nothing Franco Ravizzoli could've done about it but questions had to be asked, as Wycombe really should've put the game to bed.

Matt Bloomfield responded to the equaliser by bringing on Garath McCleary, Fred Onyedina and Dan Udoh for goalscorer Kodua, ex-Brewer Lubala, and Richard Kone.

And the subs worked was Udoh scored Wanderers' winner in the final 10 minutes.

A quick break from McCleary was played into Scowen, and another sumptuous through ball found Onyedina at the byline who cut the ball back for Udoh, who couldn't miss.

Wycombe had the lead for the third time with nine minutes to play.

A frantic end which saw goalkeeper Isted sent up to try and get on the corner was survived, as Wycombe took the three points back to Buckinghamshire.

The Chairboys remain third in League One, breathing down Wrexham's neck with a game in hand.

Bloomfield's men are now unbeaten in their last nine matches in the league, whilst Burton remain winless and bottom of the third tier.

Man of the match: Josh Scowen

Scowen was instrumental in Wycombe's play on Tuesday evening.

His beautiful passes helped craft the first and third goals which ultimately earned the Chairboys three important points on the road.

Up next for Wanderers is Leyton Orient at home on Saturday afternoon.



Matt Bloomfield's team are just outside the League One automatic places



Wanderers keeper Franco Ravizzoli only had to make two saves in the win at the Pirrelli on Tuesday night



Mark Robinson took charge of his last game for Burton in their 3-2 loss against Wycombe. He was fired a day later



SPORT

Another win but Bloomfield still wants improvement



Matt Bloomfield's side are unbeaten in nine league games

DESPITE his side winning 3-2 away at Burton Albion, Wycombe Wanderers manager Matt Bloomfield said he was 'disappointing' to let go of the lead twice.

The Chairboys went ahead through Gideon Kodua's first goal for the club on 16 minutes, before Danilo Orsi equalised 11 minutes before the break.

Luke Leahy restored Wanderers' advantage with his first goal of the season just after the break, but Wycombe were only ahead for 10

minutes as Charlie Webster's long-range strike but the Brewers level.

This was also his first goal for his new club, after signing from Chelsea in the summer.

But in the final 10 minutes, substitute Dan Udoh got Wanderers' winner.

This means the Adams Park side are now unbeaten in nine league games – their longest in League One since 2022 when they went 13 without defeat.

Speaking on the performance,

Bloomfield said: "I'm just really pleased to have won the game.

"We knew we were in for a tough night and it was really was to and fro.

"To throw away positions from being in the lead twice was disappointing on our behalf but it's just great to get the win because this is never an easy place to come.

"We have not got a great record coming here in recent seasons.

"The boys are a pleasure to work with.

"They are pleased for each other and they celebrate each other's successes.

"They work hard every day and we try and instil that in them and the drive to take two disappointments of throwing away the lead twice and going on to get a third, we must be really pleased with that response.

"We need to tighten up because we are conceding too many for my liking but at the same time we are entertaining to watch and scoring goals."

Scowen to miss Orient clash through suspension

By James Richings

WYCOMBE Wanderers will be without Josh Scowen for this weekend's home clash against Leyton Orient.

The 31-year-old picked up his fifth yellow card of the season in Tuesday's night 3-2 victory away at Burton Albion.

This means he will be suspended for one game.

Scowen's omission from the squad for the upcoming clash versus Orient will no doubt be a big blow for the Chairboys, as he has started all of Wanderers' 11 league matches so far this season.

However, manager Matt Bloomfield has reiterated that there is 'healthy competition' in Wycombe's midfield.

Wanderers go into the fixture unbeaten in nine in the league, and have scored in every game so far this league season.

Their last blank was back in April against Derby County, with the fixture ending 0-0 at Adams Park.

The only game they failed to register a goal so far this campaign was in the 1-0 loss at Wimbledon in the EFL Trophy back in August.

Speaking to the press ahead of Saturday's clash with Orient, he said: "I would rather be playing well than have selection headaches.

"It's a lot nicer to have this problem rather than trying to find a team that can win a game.

"And if we want to be a decent team, we need to have that healthy competition for places.

"So it will be a tough decision to make as we have got plenty of names in the midfield.

"Luke [Leahy] has come back from his injury and has done fantastically well.

"He earned his spot on Tuesday night [against Burton], but he had to come off with a knock so we need to see how he is.

"Cam [Humphreys] missed out on Tuesday but has been brilliant since

his move here [on loan from Ipswich Town], and Butch [Matt Butcher] has done brilliantly since we signed him in January [from Plymouth Argyle].

"He's been excellent and I'm not sure you'll find anyone else in the building as consistent as Butch.

"He's been brilliant.

"Finally, Tyreeq [Bakinson], certainly against Aston Villa [in the League Cup], was terrific.

"He has shown good signs for us and we want to give him more minutes, as we rate him really highly.

"There will be decisions to make ahead of Saturday to see how we can freshen up.

Bloomfield also praised his side's attitude and 'energy' for a lot of their successes this season.

At the time of writing, Wycombe are enjoying their longest unbeaten run in the division for two years, and sit within touching distance of the automatic places in League One.

He was also nominated for the September Manager of the Month award.

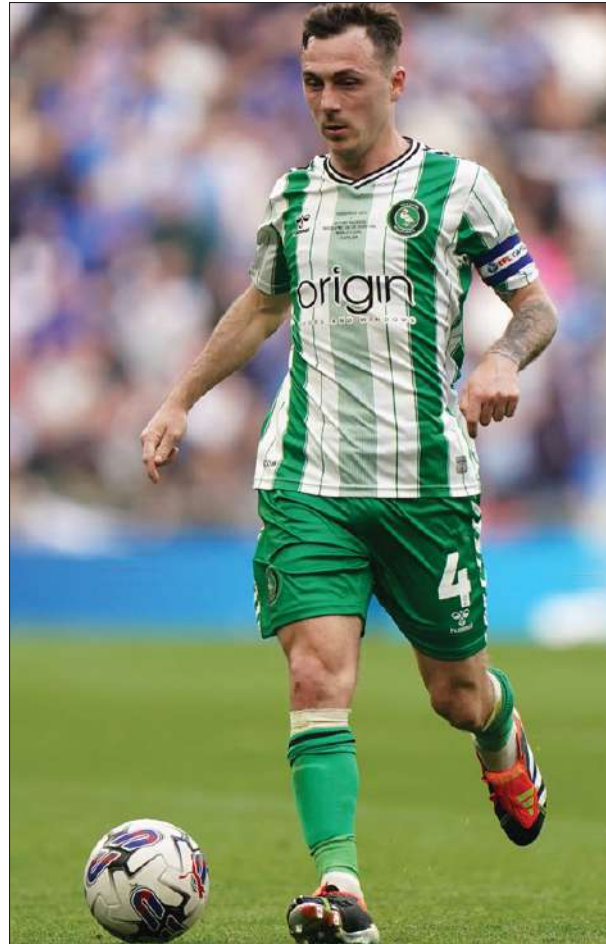
But he admitted that he doesn't want his players to 'get ahead of themselves' as 'pride comes before a fall', and that everything will be looked at 'game-by-game'.

He concluded: "The boys are playing with energy and have a camaraderie as they are all celebrating each other.

"On Saturday [against Peterborough United] when Richard [Kone] got his hat-trick, Bez [Lubala] and Dan Udoh were some of the first to celebrate with him.

"We have got such a tight-knit group and the younger players are learning off the older players"

The match this weekend against Leyton Orient will kick-off at 3pm.



Josh Scowen will miss Saturday's home clash against Leyton Orient after picking up his fifth yellow card of the season (PA)

Kone on the vibes around Harlington

WYCOMBE Wanderers striker Richard Kone has revealed 'there is no negativity' around the training ground as the Chairboys continue their good start to the season.

The Adams Park side currently sit in third place, just one place and one point off the League One automatic places, winning seven of their 11 games in the league.

They have scored in each of their 17 fixtures in the division, with their last blank being in the 0-0 home draw against Derby County at Adams Park on April 10.

Speaking after his recent hat-trick in the 3-1 victory over Peterborough United on October 19, Kone, who has scored eight goals in 15 games this season, said: "It's down to the work that we do at the training ground.

"We're always working to try and learn.

"I always want to improve myself, so I am also learning from the boys as well.

"Learning from players like GMac [Gararth McCleary], Dan [Harvie], [Luke] Leahy, Sam Vokes...they are all trying to help me do well in this league and I am really pleased.

"There is no negativity as we all want each other to do well.

"We have that positivity in the group."

Kone's season has seen him nearly hit double digits for the campaign.

At the time of writing, his eight goals since August has made him the club's highest scorer, and there is a lot more to come from the 21-year-old Ivorian forward.

His strikes this season have come against Wrexham, Northampton Town, Barnsley, and Peterborough in the league, and Swansea City and Aston Villa in the League Cup.