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Hospital building 'now in a critical condition'

Ex-MP's warnings to Government on high risk state of tower revealed

By Charlie Smith

THE NHS is 'unable to meet the needs' of Wycombe Hospital's 'high risk' maintenance backlog, ex MP Steve Baker warned the previous government in a private memo, which has now been released.

The former Conservative MP for Wycombe wrote to then health secretary Steve Barclay about the £100million backlog of repairs facing the hospital in December 2022, stressing

that 'the fabric of the building is now in a critical condition'.

In his letter on House of Commons notepaper, he tells his Conservative colleague £80 million of necessary repair work is classed as 'high risk', including that on the hospital's 1960s tower, which houses cardiac and intensive care units.

He says the eight-storey block is under 'constant surveillance to track potential degradation'.

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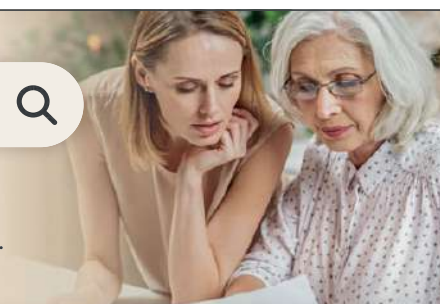


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Sport

NON-LEAGUE FOOTBALL

Beaconsfield exit FA Vase at Croydon

BEACONSFIELD Town exited the FA Vase after a 1-0 defeat to Croydon Athletic on a frustrating afternoon in London, writes Arran White.

The game got off to somewhat of a slow start, with little in the way of goal mouth action. Beaconsfield edged the opening 30 minutes, winning battles in midfield, and defending well when needed.

It was 33 minutes before the first real chance, with Beaconsfield coming close to opening the scoring, only to be denied by a good

save.

A bit of fortune for Croydon, and a momentary lapse in concentration from Beaconsfield gave the hosts the chance they needed to take a 1-0 lead into the break, with Tom Collins slotting home on the stroke of half time.

Beaconsfield upped the pressure in the second half, having most of the ball and pushing hard for an equaliser. Beaconsfield went close on a couple of occasions from corners.

Croydon had a chance to extend the lead, after a tangle in the box gave the

referee little choice but to point to the spot. Step up Eddie Brearey, who read the run up well and dived down to his right to gather the ball and keep Beaconsfield's chances alive.

Beaconsfield pushed hard and threw everything at the game, hitting the bar, and again going agonisingly close from corners. Croydon sat in and defended well.

Next up for Beaconsfield it is back to Southern League Central action, as they welcome Stotfold to Holloways Park.



A view of the FA Vase before the Isuzu FA Vase Final. Credit: PA

NON-LEAGUE FOOTBALL

An afternoon to forget for Holmer Green with defeat

HOLMER Green fell to a heavy 3-0 defeat at home to Yateley United on Saturday in Combined Counties League, Division One.

The team started okay, the game was even. Both sides were making errors, but the visitors started making less of them much earlier than the home side. On 18 minutes, three chances to get the ball off the attackers were spurned by The Greens defence but Jensen Ellis came to their rescue with a point blank save.

Poor positioning and marking continued, and on 30 minutes carelessness as described above led to the first Yateley goal. A step-piece from the right was twice headed further across the Holmer goal by attackers eventually popping up nicely for a third one. Almost apologetically he headed the ball past the exposed Ellis, who might reasonably have expected the ball to be cleared twice as he shuttled from near post to the centre of his goal.

Four minutes later Jeffrey Fordjour's persistence on the left seemed to have set up Tyler Sims at the near far post. But in waiting for the ball to sit up nicely instead of bundling it in, a defender was able to get a foot at the expense of a corner. This typified the resolve of the Hampshire sides resolve, as opposed to The Greens own such defending. Another corner soon after did cause mayhem in the away goalmouth, but no Holmer player looked remotely sharp enough to pounce on the loose ball.

ON 50 minutes, a Yateley corner was not defended in the air at the far post, then again aerially at the near post and finally stroked home. Holmer did improve, but only

By John Anderson

gradually. A couple of half-chances were created, and on 65 minutes a Yateley caution led to a fierce effort being deflected over. Yateley were now dropping deeper, but generally looking comfortable due to Holmer's inaccurate passing.

On 72 minutes a good angled through ball put Fordjour in behind the away defence. But the keeper deflected the shot with his outstretched leg. Fordjour's frustration led to a caution, for an ill-advised lunge. A couple more substitutions continued The Greens' resurgence, but it was not accompanied by any real threat. Even when the usually competent away 'keeper dived over the ball on 76 minutes, two defenders were quickly onto it.

Liam Butters tried to show those generally further forward how to do it, but his shot was deflected onto the crossbar. If you do not score when on top, a breakaway is always on the cards. On 83 minutes, a free-kick just outside the home penalty-area travelled diagonally across the box in a crowded area towards the far post, and The Greens were three down.

Holmer's afternoon was summed up when a Fordjour pull-back was misjudged by skipper for the day Alex Colverd, at the near post.

An afternoon to forget.

On Tuesday, Holmer exited the Berks and Bucks Cup at the hands of Winslow United, losing 5-0 with a much-changed team.

On Saturday, the Greens travel to in-form Windsor and Eton (3pm ko.)

The Royals have won nine of their 10 matches and sit top of the table.



Holmer Green tasted a 3-0 defeat

NON-LEAGUE

Chesham chief issues weekly update

LAST week I spoke of how pleased I was with how things were going on the pitch. Despite results not always quite falling our way, I was optimistic that it was just a matter of time until we were picking up the points we deserved.

Seven days later we have earned six points from two away games with our managers winning the Vanarama National League South Managers of the Week award – well-placed optimism it would seem!

Tomorrow we are back at The Meadow looking to pick up our first home points of the campaign. Our visitors are Aveley, who like us did not get as many points on the board as they may have deserved in the opening games, but have really bounced back in their last couple of matches with two excellent results against full-time opponents, a draw away at Torquay despite going down to ten men (we know that feeling) and then beating Dorking Wanderers who, by their own admission, are looking to walk the league this season. It is going to be another tough match, please do get yourself along to the game, bring your friends and family, your support really does make a difference. If you have not been to a game yet this season, I think you will be really impressed by the level your local club is playing at this season.

It has been a busy start to the season and the reality of playing a lot of football is taking its toll on the playing squad, we were down to the bones for Tuesday nights trip to Salisbury, but we demonstrated the importance of having depth in the squad to come away with the three points after a fantastic defensive performance and some outstanding goalkeeping, particularly in the second-half, which was a delight to watch because defending is going to be every bit as important, more so in fact, than attacking if we are going to be successful in this league.

It is an old cliché in football that luck evens itself out over a season and whereas there have been home games when I feel as though we have been robbed this season already, we definitely got away with one on Tuesday. Salisbury will be justifiably scratching their heads as to how they lost that match.

I would like to say a big thank you to Hendon Football Club for agreeing to the dual registration of former Chesham player Ronny Mfinda for this match, we were desperately short of playing personnel and it just goes to show what a fantastic footballing community non-league is.

We have several players that are not far off returning from injury and we will have a couple back from suspension and weddings ahead of tomorrow's game...

Read Mr Brown's full notes on the club website.

Baseball season soon to conclude at Farnham Park



Essex Arrows will take on defending champions London Mets in the BBF National Baseball League final.

THIS weekend will see the climax of the BBF NBL and BBF AAA 2024 baseball seasons with four teams battling it out at Farnham Park.

Across Saturday and Sunday, the Essex Arrows and London Mets face each other to become NBL champions while Bristol Badgers and Croydon Pirates will contest the AAA championship.

For the first time ever,

both finals will consist of three match series with four games being broadcast live by Journey Sports Media over the two days.

Essex Arrows finished top of the regular season NBL table with a .739 win percentage.

Defending champions London Mets finished second with a .696 win percentage.

The teams faced each other three times - the Mets hold a 2-1 advantage - during the regular season with

two games rained out.

The Badgers and the Pirates will face each other for the first time.

The Badgers finished the regular season with a .680 win percentage in the South West Division and beat Liverpool Trojans 8-1 in the semi-final to claim their place in the final.

Croydon Pirates had an excellent season topping the A Division with a .818 win percentage. They overcame London Metros 6-5

in a thrilling semi-final at Roundshaw Playing Fields.

Four of the six of the games will be broadcast live on Journey Sports Media's YouTube Channel over the weekend.

The broadcast schedule will cover Game One of the AAA championship and all three NBL championship games.

The live broadcasts will start at 9.30 am on both days and as well as commentary will feature manager and

player interviews, full stats, crowd reaction and interviews with British baseball fans and volunteers.

The AA and A championship finals will be held on Sunday 22nd September at Farnham Park. Details to follow.

The NBL, AAA, AA and A champions winners will receive a free celebratory session at The 108 in Brent Cross, Europe's largest indoor baseball and softball facility.

FOOTBALL Pair of wins for Windsor

WINDSOR are through to the next round of the Berks and Bucks County Cup with a 4-2 victory over Burnham at Holloways Park, Beaconsfield, on Tuesday.

The Jacks started on the back foot in rainy conditions in Beaconsfield and the visitors deservedly went ahead through Jabir Laraba after just 15 minutes.

As the weather settled, so too did the hosts and on the half hour mark Iker Noguera Leon levelled the scores.

Somewhat against the run of play, Kristian Belousas restored Burnham's lead five minutes after the break.

It took until the 72nd minute for Windsor to equalise again, this time through substitute Nathan Green.

From then on, it looked a matter of time before Windsor edged in front and they did five minutes later.

Max Jarzabek put his side in front with a poachers finish Noguera Leon grabbed his second to round off the scoring with five minutes remaining.

Tymoteusz Supernak was sent off with 90 nearly on the clock..

This topped off a successful four days for the club as the Jacks had already beaten Langley 2-0 in Combined Counties Division One on Friday.

On Friday, Windsor host Westside at Holloways Park (7.45pm ko).

RUGBY Defeat a step up

BEACONSFIELD were defeated 7-25 by Honourable Artillery Company upon their arrival at step six of rugby.

It was a very challenging, and initially very ominous, contest, with the visitors scoring two very early tries.

But after this slow start, Beaconsfield warmed, and perked, up and, trusting in their new drills under the guidance of new Head Coach Russell Bolton, enjoyed some very promising spells of possession and attack, albeit ultimately falling short.

Next up they are away against London Scottish Lions.

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HOCKEY

Marlow pitch relayed for the new season

AFTER a big fundraising effort, Marlow Hockey Club has been able to have their pitch at Pound Lane relayed in time for the start of the new league season on Saturday, September 21.

The new pitch gives a much-improved surface and the new dugouts now on the opposite side of the pitch will improve facilities for the spectators.

The Women's first team gained promotion to the National League for the first time and have been placed in the Western Conference which will involve a lot of travelling to places like Bristol, Exeter and Swansea.

Their first home match on the 21st will be against Clifton Robinson 2s from Bristol at 3 pm.

The men's first team will resume

in the South Central Premier League 1 on the same date at 1.15 against local and newly promoted rivals Amersham and Chalfont.

The men are being coached this time by former Marlow Player and current England international Jack Turner.

They are doubly fortunate to have Olly Deasey who has joined as Head of Performance from National League team Reading where he has been first team captain for the last six years.

Olly will be playing in the first team and says that he decided to take this step because of Marlow's progressive attitude and hopes that the men's first team can emulate the women in gaining promotion as well.



Marlow have had their pitch relayed on Pound Lane

Sport

SPORT: WYCOMBE WANDERERS

Statue dons a Chairboys scarf in Frogmoor

A WYCOMBE Wanderers fan has done their bit to try and paint the town light and dark blue.

With the season now well underway, many supporters have been spotted in and around the town donning their kits either on matchdays or as they go about their business.

But one fan wanted to spread his love for the Chairboys in the town centre, by placing a scarf on one of High Wycombe's statues.

William 'Willie' Reid told the Free Press: "Earlier

in the day [September 9], I strolled over to Frogmoor where there is a statue of three people which is anonymous to most passers by.

"In fact it is called 'Passers by' and was designed by Robert Erskine and unveiled in 1987 by Selina Scott.

In order to bring some interest to the statue on this Wycombe Celebrates Day [on September 8], I thought I would tie a Wycombe Wanderers scarf around the neck of the young lad in the statue and place a ball at

his feet.

"When I returned around 3.45pm the scarf was still in place but the ball had vanished.

"You can only try!" When the Free Press went and visited the statue in the evening of September 10, the scarf had also been taken.

Wycombe's next match is away at Northampton Town on September 14, with the next home fixture being on September 17 against Brighton & Hove Albion U21s in the Bristol Street Motors.



The statue was wearing the scarf (William 'Willie' Reid)

SPORT: FOOTBALL

Chairgirls easily defeated at home by Porchester

A TOUGH start to the season for the Blues, as Wycombe Wanderers Women fell short of clinching any points in their campaign opener, with newly promoted opponents, Portchester defeating the Buckinghamshire side 3-0.

All the goals in the contest came within the first opening 45 minutes for visitors at the 1878 Stadium in Burnham.

It was a tricky start to the game for the Chairgirls, as a well-organised Portchester denied their early chance in the opening minute, following Eman Kassem's fast-paced run down the right flank delivering a tidy cross in to Giulia Livi, who was situated on the left side of the box. Livi's attempt at goal was sent out by an opposing defender, allowing for a second chance for the Wanderers, as Molly Carter delivered a well-lofted, in-swinging corner from the left, but were denied any further attempts by the visitors' defence.

It took Portchester only 13 minutes to gain the opener, converting a header from a corner to send them ahead.

The visitors doubled their lead less than 20 minutes later, beating the Wycombe defence and tucking one away into the bottom right corner.

Despite the Chairgirls maintaining efforts to get one back on The Portchy before half time, the visitors added their third with a sliding effort beating the Wycombe keeper, sending them into the break with a

By Darcie Panayiotou

solid lead.

It was a gritty second half for the hosts as they looked to get back at the visitors' three-goal lead, with the Chairgirls' strongest attempt of the game coming in the 62nd minute following a flurry of action in the box.

Play was built up following Axelle Courlander's pass to new signing, Jess Watkins, who rounded Portchester's defence on the right edge of the box, allowing her to deliver a cutback pass from the byline to Courlander.

Courlander's attempt at goal was prevented by the orange army in defence and saved for a goal kick.

In spite of being unable to convert in the final 45, the Chairgirls were able to defend and deny the visitors from having any further convincing attempts at goal, maintaining the 0-3 scoreline to the final whistle.

Wanderers manager, Carl Simon, reflected on the performance, stating, "It was a tough one for us today. We came in with a lot of high hopes, prepared really well, we had a good pre-season. Some defensive errors in the first 30 minutes cost us the game and we couldn't get ourselves back into it."

The Chairgirls now set their sights on their upcoming league fixture away to Selsey, on Sunday, September 13, as they look to gain their first points of the 24/25 campaign.



It wasn't Wanderers' day last Sunday

SPORT: ROWING

Rower on recent learnt lessons

MARLOW rower Max Mustoo has learned that being himself is the key to success having made the switch to Leander Rowing Club.

Previously competing for Borlase, Mustoo took time to settle into the high-performance environment at Leander.

But he now feels well at home having won two national events in the sculls.

"Transitioning between clubs, between my old club and where I am now was challenging," the 17-year-old said.

"The really hard winter, training between clubs and not really knowing where I stand but then being able to push through the ranks of this new club and keep on improving.

"I just tried to be approachable try and be honest about myself and to try and be social and not stressing too much.

"I think in the first month that I was there I tried too hard to impress people and as soon as I relaxed and became myself I thrived.

"Transitioning from where I was previously to Leander stakes changed, the focus is now Henley rather than just learn and paddle and enjoy it.

"It is about competing, and I think that switch was exciting, and I felt it, and it was there, but I definitely rose to it, and it was a big turning point for me in terms of where I was going in the sport."

The William Borlase's Grammar School student credit his mum Jessica with helping him to get to the level he is now at.

He also recognised the support of SportsAid, whose funding and guidance have allowed him to kick on.

He added: "I think my mum has been really influential to me, just being there every step of the way, always supporting me, always being in my corner.

"Through the ups through the downs and I can always rely on her no matter what.

"Showing that I am developing, and all of these hours and all of this commitment is going somewhere and I'm improving and in reaching my goals and it is not just about moving a boat fast it is about competing and being competitive and enjoying it.

"The word I would use to describe SportsAid is vital, without the support of SportsAid and my wider support network I wouldn't be able to find my sport.

"I wouldn't be able to compete to the level I do, and I wouldn't be able to enjoy it to the level I do."

SportsAid Live, hosted by Marsh McLennan, brought together over 40 athletes and their families, across more than 20 different sports, to meet each other and share their experiences and knowledge, while also benefitting from mentoring and valuable workshops in areas such as mind health, sleep, performance, wellbeing and building your brand.

SPORT: WANDERERS

Mellor makes his move after one week



D'Mani Mellor (right) spent two years at Wycombe, playing just 13 times and scoring once (PA)

FORMER Wycombe Wanderers striker D'Mani Mellor has joined his third club this summer following his latest transfer.

The forward, who scored one competitive goal in 13 matches across two seasons for the Chairboys, left the Adams Park side in June of this year.

His time in Buckinghamshire across the last 24 months was also sandwiched with two separate loan spells at Rochdale, and one at Sutton United.

Following his exit this summer, he had trials at Hartlepool United, Morecambe and Gateshead.

He would eventually join the latter on a short-term deal, signing for the North East side across the recent

Bank Holiday Weekend.

Upon his arrival, manager and ex-Newcastle United goalkeeper, Rob Elliott, said: "He is a good lad and he knows a few of the boys so he's fitting into the squad really well."

However, his time at the National League outfit lasted for little over a week, as he left the club to drop two divisions to sign for Macclesfield in the Northern Premier League.

In their X post, the Silkmen said: "Macclesfield FC are delighted to announce the signing of 23-year-old ex-Manchester United, Salford City and Wycombe Wanderers forward D'Mani Mellor."

He was announced one day before the club faced Stockton Town, where he was named as a substitute.



FOOTBALL

Fixtures for the Chairboys

WITH the return of club football back at Adams Park, here is who Wycombe Wanderers have next in the coming weeks.

September 14: Northampton Town (A) - League, 12.30pm

September 17: Brighton & Hove Albion U21s (H) - BSM Trophy, 7pm

September 21: Cambridge United (H) - League, 3pm

September 24: Aston Villa (H) - EFL Cup, 8pm

September 28: Bristol Rovers (A) - League, 3pm

October 1: Barnsley (A) - League, 7.45pm

October 5: Crawley (H) - League, 3pm

October 12: Stockport (A) - League, 3pm

October 19: Peterborough (H) - League, 12.30pm

October 22: Burton Albion (A) - League, 7.45pm

October 26: Leyton Orient (H) - League, 3pm

November 2: FA Cup fixture to be confirmed

November 9: Wigan Athletic (A) - League, 3pm

November 16: Huddersfield Town (H) - League, 3pm

November 23: Lincoln City (A) - League, 3pm

FOOTBALL

Shot-stopper moves out on loan to Non League club

WYCOMBE Wanderers have confirmed the temporary departure of goalkeeper Laurie Shala to Potters Barr on loan.

The 19-year-old, who is now the Chairboys' fourth choice keeper after Nathan Bishop, Franco Ravizzoli and new signing Shamel George, will spend the next month at the Non League side.

The Kosovan played 17 games for Bar last season having arrive on loan in October 2023, staying until January 2024 when his stay was cut short by injury.

During his first spell, he kept five clean sheets.

SPORT: NEW BOY FRED TO BE 'LOOKED AFTER'

Wycombe to 'take their time' with Onyedinma

WYCOMBE Wanderers manager Matt Bloomfield has urged the club's fans to be 'patient' with new signing Fred Onyedinma.

The 27-year-old has returned to Adams Park for a fourth spell following his release from Luton Town in June, ending his three-year stint with the Kenilworth Road side.

And despite having interest to join several EFL teams, as well as receiving offers abroad, the Nigerian has decided to return to Buckinghamshire.

However, it is not known when fans will be able to see Onyedinma back in the light and dark blue quarters as Bloomfield admitted the club will 'take their time' with his

fitness.

He told the media ahead of the Chairboys' trip to Northampton Town at Saturday lunchtime: "We have to be patient with Fred.

"He's not had a pre-season, he's done some individual training with a few bits and pieces, and he's an athlete with a lot of pace and power."

"We need to ensure that we look after him and build him up with the right load.

"To manage everyone's expectations, I think it's right that we take our time with him and make sure he's fit and strong for the long term."

Bloomfield continued: "It's fantastic news for the football club.

"For the support-

ers, they think of him so highly and I think having here is a real boost.

"We've got a player of real calibre who was playing in the Premier League four months ago, and I think this is a fantastic signing for us.

"I'm looking forward to working with Fred differently because he was a teammate of mine.

I enjoyed having him as a teammate and look forward to working with him again.

"I had always kept in touch with Fred and a number of other people [ex-teammates] because as we know, life goes on as people go to different clubs but you in touch with those who you struck up a close relationship with.

Speaking on this, Bloomfield said: "I'm fortunate to work for a special football club that gets under people's skin which affects their lives and their families.

"It's not a surprise when players come back and Fred is another example of that.

"People have moved to a higher league but have come back as we make them feel comfortable and at home.

"I had always kept in touch with Fred and several other people [ex-



Fred Onyedinma has returned to Wycombe for a fourth time in his career (PA)

Why do players keep returning to Wycombe?

WYCOMBE Wanderers manager Matt Bloomfield has called the club 'special' that it has a habit of attracting former players back to Adams Park.

This comes after Fred Onyedinma became the latest Chairboys to re-sign for side, three years after leaving for a third time.

His arrival, along with West Ham United's Gideon Kodua on loan, means an ex-player has found their back at Wycombe for a 13th consecutive season.

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Wycombe's re-signing pattern (we have only gone for one player for each season, but we are aware there have been multiple for certain campaigns):

2012/13: Gary Doherty
2013/14: Jon-Paul Pittman
2014/15: Paul Hayes

2015/16: Anthony Stewart
2016/17: Paris Cowan-Hall
2017/18: Nathan Tyson
2018/19: Fred Onyedinma
2019/20: Jason McCarthy
2020/21: David Stockdale
2021/22: Josh Scowen
2022/23: Alfie Mawson
2023/24: Chem Campbell
2024/25: Fred Onyedinma
David Stockdale, Jason McCarthy and Michael Harriman have all had three or more spells at Wanderers.

SPORT



Large playing squad to work in Wanderers' advantage



Ryan Tafazolli remains sidelined following his latest injury (PA)

WYCOMBE Wanderers manager Matt Bloomfield believes the squad depth his club now possesses is 'driving' his players to 'be the best they can be'.

The Chairboys were very active in the transfer window this summer, bringing in 15 new players – 10 on permanent contracts.

He believes the large roster will 'motivate' his side as the season progresses, with the club aiming to improve on their 10th place finish in League One last season.

"With the competition that we have, it drives standards in training, it

drives motivation to be the best you can be, and the boys have trained really well for two weeks now.

"In the autumn of last year, we had around 11 or 12 players out injured and that really impacted us.

"Second half of the season, we had a squad that was 'at it', but it did leave me to have some very awkward conversations about leaving people out, but when we went Saturday/Tuesday, we had a fresh squad and that showed in our results."

Up next for the Chairboys is a trip to Sixfields to take on Northampton

Town, just one month after the two teams faced each other in the EFL Cup, which Wycombe won 2-0.

It'll be Wanderers' first game this month, after their home fixture against Mansfield Town on September 7 was postponed.

It was the fourth season in a row that Wycombe's league match in the second week of September had been called off.

The match was cancelled due to some of the Stags' players receiving international call ups from their respective nations.

He said: "I don't think anyone really wanted a break, but Mansfield were well within their rights to postpone the fixture.

"For us, we would have preferred to have kept the ball rolling with games but every cloud has a silver lining, as it's given us extra time on the training ground and it's allowed us to integrate new faces into the squad.

"These include players like Cameron Humphreys and Aaron Morley who had brief training sessions with us, and we've had Sham, Caleb and Fred join us since."

Fred makes his fourth return to Adams Park

By James Richings

WYCOMBE Wanderers have confirmed the signing of Fred Onyedinna for the fourth time.

The 27-year-old joins the Chairboys following his departure from Championship side Luton Town, after their relegation from the Premier League last season.

The Nigerian had spent the last three years with the Hatters where he played a total of 60 matches, and scored three goals – eight of those appearances were in the top-flight.

He was released by the Bedfordshire-based team this summer, and despite having trials with a handful of EFL clubs, he has opted to re-join the Chairboys.

The Free Press first reported back in July that there had been interest from the winger to return to Adams Park, and in January of this year, Wycombe did make contact with Luton about his availability.

However, these plans were shelved due to him picking up an injury whilst on loan at Rotherham United.

Manager Matt Bloomfield, who of course played with Onyedinna during his previous spells, said: "Fred has been one of the stand-out performers in each of his three previous spells with Wycombe and we're delighted that he's agreed to come back and be part of the exciting squad that we are building here.

"He's someone we've been keen to sign throughout the summer and I know there have been various options available to him, but for him to choose Wycombe Wanderers speaks volumes for the relationship he has with the club and its fans, and also his determination to help this club grow.

"This news will be hugely exciting for our supporters and I'm sure they can't wait to see him pull the shirt on again and show what he can do.

"We've all been working extreme-

ly hard as a collective behind the scenes to continue to build this club. "Fred is central to this."

The Nigerian's first spell at Adams Park was a decade ago.

His arrival on loan from Millwall saw the winger play 27 times in all competitions during the 2014/15 season, where he scored eight goals.

That year, Wanderers reached the 2015 League Two play-off final where they narrowly lost to Southend United via a penalty shootout.

He was an unused substitute in the showpiece at Wembley Stadium. Onyedinna would return to Millwall and play over 100 times across the next three years before he moved back to Wycombe for the 2018/19 campaign.

This was Wanderers' first year back in League One since 2011/12, and during his time at Adams Park that season, he would 24 games and notch up four goals, as Wycombe avoided relegation back to the third tier.

His move to Buckinghamshire was made permanent in the summer of 2019 and despite only playing 17 times during the next season, he scored twice against Fleetwood Town in the 2020 League One play-offs, before winning the penalty in the Wembley final against Oxford United, which was converted by Joe Jacobson.

This resulted in Wycombe securing a place in the Championship for the first time in their history.

He would play a vital role in Wanderers' year in the second tier, scoring against former Premier League sides such as Reading, Blackburn Rovers and Middlesbrough respectively.



Fred Onyedinna (left) has returned to Wycombe following a three-year stint at Luton Town.(PA)

Ban for man who hit Wycombe's Dan Harvie

BLACKPOOL striker Ashley Fletcher has been given a three-game ban after he struck out at Wycombe Wanderers' Dan Harvie.

During the 2-2 draw between the two sides on August 31 at Bloomfield Road, stills from the match showed that the ex-Manchester United and West Ham United hit the Scotsman around the head.

This was missed by matchday referee Darren Drysdale.

However, five days after the match took place, the FA confirmed that Fletcher will serve a suspension.

In a brief statement, they said: "Blackpool's Ashley Fletcher has been given a three-match suspension for misconduct in their EFL League One match against Wycombe Wanderers.

"He admitted that his behaviour around the 32nd minute constitutes as violent conduct, and he also accepted the automatic penalty."

Fletcher, who only joined the Tangerines this summer following a forgettable spell at Watford, will miss the club's fixtures against Exeter City, Sheffield Wednesday and Charlton Athletic respectively.

His swing of the arm at Harvie occurred in the build-up to Blackpool's equaliser against Wycombe.

Garath McCleary had given Wanderers the lead in the 11th minute, but Kyle Joseph levelled just moments after the incident had taken place.

The Chairboys thought that had won it when Dan Udoh bagged his first league goal since his move from Shrewsbury Town, but with six minutes remaining, Jake Beesly equalised.

It's the six match in a row between the two clubs at Bloomfield Road which has ended in a draw.