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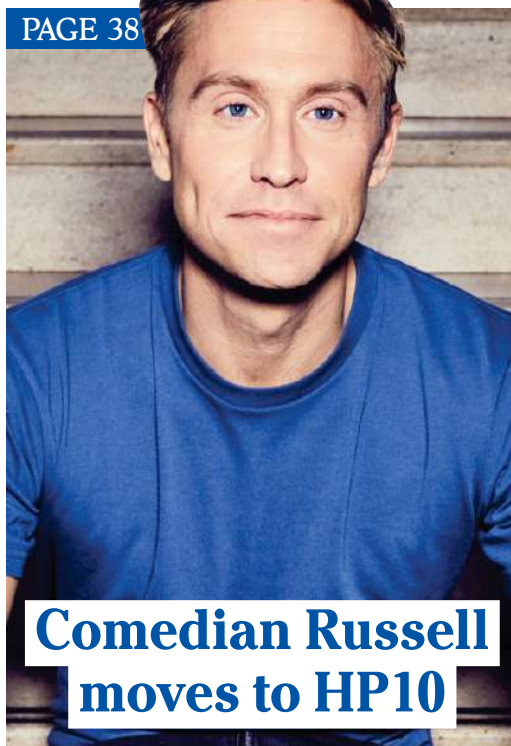
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'Staff evacuated' as part of the police response

A 34-YEAR-OLD man has been arrested after police and fire services were called to an industrial estate in High Wycombe. Staff at businesses in Sands Industrial Estate on Hillbottom Road heard emergency services' sirens at around 12:45pm on Monday.

By Eleanor Burleigh

A spokesperson for Thames Valley Police said: "This was an incident where a man was in the area acting in a suspicious manner with a gas cylinder."



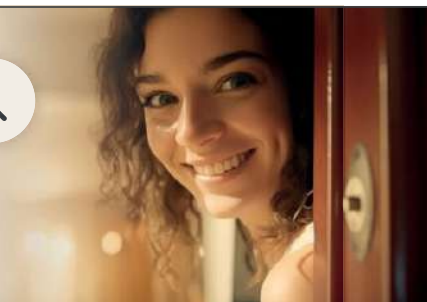
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Sport

BOWLS

Team makes history with triple win

AT the National Bowls Finals in Leamington Spa, the men's Gerrards Cross 2 x 4 team made history by becoming the only club in the country to have won this 'blue riband' competition for the third time.

Having won the title in 1999 and 2018, by winning this year, the team including half the players, Kirk Smith, Richard Reid, John McGuinness and Alan Price that had played in the previous sides not only made Gerrards Cross history, but Bowls England history too.

The format, possibly the most pure of all bowls disciplines relies on all eight players performing to their optimum potential combining great skill but also a strong team ethic.

The Gerrards Cross bowls club has some of the best players not just in the county but the country and this provided a problem!

Alan Price, selector commented: "One of the most difficult tasks was leaving out really good players that would have made any other team.

It was not an easy decision but the quality of

players at Gerrards Cross is exceptional, I have never known the club so have so much strength in depth and I knew we had a really strong team that play for each other. To win this title is a dream come true!"

Gerrards Cross, representing Buckinghamshire, beat the representatives from Northumberland and Wiltshire in the lead up to the final which was against Brampton from Huntingdon.

The match was a very close affair with Gerrards Cross winning 30-27.



Bowls team made Gerrards Cross history by triple win

FOOTBALL

Holmer Green stung by late Woodley equaliser

By John Anderson

HOLMER Green conceded a costly late goal in a 2-2 draw with Woodley United on Saturday at Rivermoor Stadium.

In their seventh league game of the month, the late concession of a goal cost Holmer not only two points but the chance to move up to sixth place. This with a game in hand on three of the four teams in the play-off spaces.

But The Greens' faltering display in the last third of the match allowed Woodley United to draw level, in the ninety-third minute.

A late injury in the warm-up meant that Alex Colverd had to drop to the bench, with Luke Williams coming into midfield which somewhat altered the shape of the side.

Theo Alexander was unavailable, and Ruairidh Barnes has returned to Loughborough University to continue his degree course. Sammy Hill was in the UK again after missing six games, and Liam Barrowcliff was again on the bench.

With the match beginning with virtually no wind, Holmer kicked toward the Railway End. They had the better of the opening exchanges, and after a few good openings had been spurned they took the lead on 22 minutes. Jeffrey Fordjour ran onto an accurate through ball and turned his man. His slow shot was only partly slowed down as it passed through the 'keeper's legs. Just before the ball entered the goal, Lloyd Majaya followed up, as did another defender. Their momentum ensured that the ball crossed the line, but the knock that Majaya sustained in the coming together became an obvious injury in the early stages of the second half.

Openings and half-chances continued to come and go without further result for The Greens and the break arrived on 45 minutes plus four with the visitors having only themselves to blame for the close scoreline.

A lot of the attacking was aided by

the visiting full-backs Oskar-Esplund-Evans and Aaron Bryan, and any loose ball at the back was being confidently and uncomplicatedly cleared up by Liam Butters.

An early mistake by Woodley was almost punished by Fordjour, but on 49 minutes he became the club's leading scorer on five for the season. Cutting in from the left, and firing a great shot across the 'keeper into the far corner.

This should have been the springboard for Holmer to push on, but a five on four chance only ended with Tyler Sims still searching for his first Holmer goal.

The missed chances proved costly on the hour mark. A silly challenge on the edge of their own penalty-area caused by a defence getting too deep gave United a direct free-kick opportunity. The well-struck shot evaded both the wall, and the diving Jensen Ellis to find the bottom corner.

Majaya finally succumbed to his discomfort, and six minutes later Wooster was also replaced.

The new midfield set-up was not as convincing as the initial one, but Holmer were still making headway. However, the same final ball or shooting profligacy was still evident. On 83 minutes Williams was finally withdrawn having been cautioned ten minutes earlier.

Just as it looked as if Holmer would survive, they gave away an unnecessary stoppage-time corner through lack of communication. The first corner was untidily cleared for another. This time a kick to the far post saw Martin Lancaster obviously pushed in the back by a Woodley player.

The ball eventually dropped nicely for Alfie Ward to swivel and knock the ball into the top corner, of what had been the near post when the kick was first delivered.



Alfie Ward nets late equaliser for Woodley United against Holmer Green. Picture: Peter Toft

CHESHAM UTD

Chesham chief issues regular update

I must start with the great quote from Julius Ceasar: "Vendi, Vidi, Vici." Appropriate when reflecting on a superb performance to get our first three points from a game this season at St Albans (or Verulamium as known as in the olden days) last Saturday, said Peter Brown.

To be able to say that we restricted our opposition to just one shot on target, whilst we created countless chances at the other end, shows how much we deserved the win and dominated the game, but it also highlights the fine margins there are in this league as we left it late to score the winning goal. It was a fantastic performance and once again proved that we are not out of place in this league.

Similarly on Monday when we lost out to full-time opponents Torquay United in front of a superb crowd of over 1,500 at The Meadow. I think we more than held our own, were probably even the better team in the first-half and deservedly took the lead before the game turned just before the interval when we picked up a red card in conceding a penalty, which was converted, leaving us with just ten men for all of the second-half, against full-time opponents, just 48 hours after an exhausting win at St Albans City, it was only going to go one way, wasn't it?

You would have thought so, but it did not turn out like that. We were magnificent and even went ahead again in the match to lead 2-1, but as our opponents emptied their bench with fresh legs, the pressure got too much and it was heart-breaking to concede two goals, with the winner coming in the 95th minute.

Even at 2-2 their goalkeeper was forced into a magnificent save which, as their manager, Paul Wotton, graciously said in his post-match interview, would have killed them off. Credit to their manager, he said that we fully deserved to take something out of the match, and I cannot argue with that, but we must press on, and draw on the so many positives that have come from the last two matches.

Football is a passionate game and we are going to have so many highs and lows over the coming season (hopefully more of the former) and it is going to be so important that we all stick together if we are to continue this wonderful journey we have been on for the past 18 months – players, management, officials, volunteers and supporters, we must all be united through thick and thin...

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



Mitchell Weiss celebrates scoring first goal for Chesham United against Welling. Picture: Neale Blackburn

Chesham United pick up two wins on their travels

AFTER promotion last season, Chesham United's away form has continued with two terrific victories on the road to solidify their position in the heart of National League South.

First up was a visit to Welling United on August 31, which was won 3-0. Welling went into the game in the top half of the table but Chesham, who were the better side for most of the afternoon, took a deserved first-half lead and eventually killed the game off late on.

Chesham broke through on 26 minutes when Mitchell Weiss collected a loose ball and fired into the net for his first goal for the club. In the second half Welling began to come into the game and for periods the game threatened to boil over but Chesham weathered the pressure and began to get back on top. On 78 minutes Chesham broke away and Omar Rowe made it 2-0 with a low left-footed drive that Welling's keeper got a hand to but could not keep out.

Welling made a triple substitution but to no avail, and Chesham wrapped up the

By Andrew Westlake

points on 85 minutes. This time T'Sharn Gallimore broke clear only for Lovett to block, but Mitchell Weiss lobbed the loose ball over the keeper and into the net. There were nine minutes of stoppage time and in the eighth of those minutes the home side finally managed a consolation goal, when Jacob Mensah's long free kick bounced over the head of Jack Cawley and Daniel Martin stole in to head past Goode.

On to Tuesday night and Chesham made the journey to Salisbury FC for a visit to another club that was promoted last season.

Salisbury took an early lead after six minutes as Ronan Silva converted a quick counter attack but on 25 minutes Joe Grant levelled the match up for the visitors after a brilliant cross from Jack Connors was

palmed out by the Salisbury keeper.

The first half finished with another goal for Chesham on 44 minutes as Callum Adebisi headed a Connors' corner in with pace and after three minutes of added time Chesham were ahead at half-time.

The second half was a defensive masterclass by Chesham as Salisbury pressed the visitors hard but the defensive line remained resolute for 45 minutes. There was a controversial moment on 78 minutes as Jordan Ragguette hit a powerful strike from 30 yards which struck the underside of Chesham's bar and rebounded dangerously close to the goal-line. Many thought it should have been a goal but, thankfully for Chesham, the officials disagreed.

Chesham are now 12th in National League South and welcome Aveley to The Meadow on Saturday, September 7 (ko 3pm).

Chesham United FC Women have also started their FA Women's National League campaign. 1 win from 3 and they welcome AFC Sudbury to The Meadow on Sunday (2pm).



Chesham United were well on top against Welling. Picture: Neale Blackburn

Sport

I'M A CELEB WINNER IN THE CHILTERN

Harry Redknapp spotted in High Wycombe

FORMER Portsmouth, Southampton and Tottenham Hotspur manager Harry Redknapp has visited High Wycombe to try and find the town's worst football team.

The 77-year-old, who also managed Bournemouth, West Ham United, Queens Park Rangers and Birmingham City, has joined forces with Specsavers in the town to find a grassroots team that is in desperate need of help.

The community opticians and audiologists is giving one

local club a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to become Specsavers' Best Worst Team and turn its fortunes around with face-to-face training from Harry as well as money-can't-buy experiences usually reserved for elite clubs only.

Last season, Harry helped Cwm Albion overcome three years of consecutive defeats and a staggering -191 goal difference, but getting 50 goals and seven wins for the Swansea Senior League Division 4 side. Speaking about his

return to the dugout, Harry said: "I'm over the moon to be teaming up with Specsavers again. If the terrific season with the lads at Cwm Albion is anything to go by, it'll be a good laugh.

"I was bowled over by the grit, determination and spirit of last season's Best Worst Team, so I can't wait to meet the team that's got what it takes to be this season's worst.

"I've got some fantastic surprises up my sleeve, so let's see who's up for it!"



Harry Redknapp was seen the area. Image: PA Media

SPORT: BLACKPOOL 2-2 WYCOMBE WANDERERS

Boss' reaction after the points are shared up north

WYCOMBE Wanderers manager Matt Bloomfield felt his side 'were not good enough in the first half of their 2-2 draw at Blackpool.

The Chairboys took the lead through a Garath McCleary rebound, but that was cancelled out by Kyle Joseph before half-time.

A second-half screamer from Dan Udoh looked to have won it for Wycombe, but Jake Beesley's late header earned a point for the Seasiders.

The result means Wanderers have picked up four points from their opening four matches, but have scored eight goals in that time (scoring two goals in each of those four league fixtures).

Additionally, this means that the last six meetings between Wycombe and Blackpool in the North West have ended all square.

Bloomfield said: "I didn't think we were good enough in the first half.

"We've had maybe 24 hours less to prepare than Blackpool.

"We've had a long week on the road, and I thought we just weren't that half a yard closer to people than we should've been from the start, which was disappointing.

"We changed shape and I thought we got loads better. Then probably the biggest disappointment is that once we got ourselves ahead, we were in control of the game.

"I felt really, really comfortable – and the equaliser was offside.

"So, I guess a couple of things went against us, but on the balance of play, it was probably a fair result.

"It's disappointing really because we work a lot and we've spoken a lot this week about our back line trying to squeeze on their strikers. It's unfortunate because they squeezed the line and left him in there, and then they played the cross and he's (Beesley) only got on the wrong side of Joe Low because he's offside.

By James Richings

"But, it's been a very, very good week. To go Saturday-Wednesday-Saturday with a win-win-draw, I think if you'd have offered me that last Saturday morning I would have taken it.

"So, there's plenty to be pleased about, plenty to work on, but a few contentious decisions in there today."

His opposite number and Wycombe teammate, Richard Keogh, who is in interim charge of the ex-Premier League club, shared his views on the draw.

He said: "I think, in terms of chances created, we probably deserved to win the game, but the reality is that we drew it.

"There's a few things we need to need to correct, but overall I thought we played very well.

"This week I've been focusing on giving back to the group.

"We've not have many training days, really – it's been a lot of recovery days, and tactical days.

"You've got to prepare for the games when you're playing against really good opponents.

"So, I just wanted to give the lads a good game plan. They're the ones carrying it out and credit to them.

"There's still loads for us to work on. I think we're getting punished for every little mistake we're making at the moment, and the only way you get through is by working hard.

"By getting on to the training ground, by trying to get make ourselves better. And we have to keep enjoying the work.

"We want to push each other, and as long as we're doing that on the training pitch, then we give ourselves a good opportunity to improve."



Matt Bloomfield is unbeaten in three matches against Blackpool since taking over Wycombe's manager (Benji Walker)

FOOTBALL

Chairgirls lose at home to Portchester

WYCOMBE 0 - 3 Portchester

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, claiming three goals to seal their win against the hosts in the first 45.

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 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 8th September, as they look to gain their first points of the 24/25 campaign.

SPORT: WANDERERS GET BUSY

New numbers for Wycombe's new signings



Shamal George, who has also played for Colchester United, spent two years at Livingston playing 80 times (PA)

WYCOMBE Wanderers have confirmed the squad numbers for the club's latest acquisitions.

The Chairboys announced on Transfer Deadline Day that they had confirmed the signings of goalkeeper Shamal George from Livingston for an undisclosed fee, after his release clause was met by the Adams Park side, along with West Bromwich Albion defender, Caleb Taylor.

The latter has arrived at Adams Park on a season-long loan.

Following their arrivals, they have been issued their new squad news for the campaign, with goalkeeper George taking the 19 shirt, which was last worn by the 2023/24 Player of Year Freddie Potts, whilst Taylor will don the number 37.

Livingston's first-team manager David Martindale told the club's website: "We

knew this was always potentially on the cards and Jerome (Prior) was already recruited and in place for this eventuality, so we've been planning internally for Shamal's release clause being triggered after relegation.

"Of course, the timing isn't great but that's football and we're prepared and ready to move on.

"Shamal goes with our best wishes and for me, he really grew into the role week-on-week and became a very consistent and dependable goalkeeper as our number 1.

"He will be a loss no doubt, but Jerome has the opportunity now to become the number 1 and a fan favourite.

"We're losing a top goalkeeper in Shamal but we're in a good place and have been planning this behind the scenes for a number of months already."

SPORT: BLACKPOOL 2-2 WYCOMBE WANDERERS

Four points from four as the Chairboys draw at Blackpool

WYCOMBE Wanderers made it three games unbeaten with an entertaining 2-2 draw against managerless Blackpool at Bloomfield Road.

Garath McCleary's opener was cancelled out by a Kyle Joseph header in the first half and Jake Beesley levelled late on after a Daniel Udoh screamer had put the visitors in the driving seat.

Blackpool had the bet-

ter of the early stages but were caught napping in the 10th minute when Udoh forced a save from Richard O'Donnell and McCleary headed in an easy rebound.

The Seaside's pushed for a leveller with Dom Ballard hitting the post and finally got it when Joseph headed through a crowd from a 32nd-minute corner.

After the break, the hosts' Ashley Fletcher had

a golden opportunity from within six yards but his header was caught by goalkeeper Franco Ravizzoli.

The Chairboys took the lead for the second time in the 79th minute.

Udoh, easily their best player, fired a powerful low left-foot shot past O'Donnell from 25 yards.

Blackpool may have been down but they were not out and substitute Beesley headed home brilliantly from a free-kick delivery with five minutes left.

The hosts nearly completed the turnaround in added time with another Joseph header but Ravizzoli made an excellent double save to preserve the point for Wycombe.

The result means the last six meetings between Wanderers and Blackpool at Bloomfield Road have all ended in draws.

That began in during the 2016/17 season when both sides were in League Two.



Franco Ravizzoli had kept 12 clean sheets in 24 matches going into the contest (PA)

WANDERERS' STARTING XI

1. F. RAVIZZOLI	20. C. HUMPHREYS
2. J. GRIMMER	12. G. MCCLEARY
5. D. HARTRIDGE	23. K. SADLIER
17. J. LOW	28. A. MORLEY
3. D. HARVIE	11. D. UDOH
4. J. SCOWEN	

Ex-Chairboy believes Pool should have won

FORMER Wanderers defender and current Blackpool manager believes his side should have defeated the Chairboys in the recent encounter between the two teams.

The Tangerines and the Buckinghamshire-based club drew 2-2 at Bloomfield Road on August 31, with Wycombe twice taking the lead through Garath McCleary and Dan Udoh.

However, they were twice pegged back to secure their first league draw

of the new season.

Speaking after the match, Keogh, who had two spells during his playing days at Wycombe, said: "I'm disappointed we didn't win the game because I thought we deserved to.

"I thought we created numerous chances.

"A lack of concentration done us in in the end with the goals, but I thought we were the team in the ascendancy for most of the game.

"I think we had a little bit of a period

where we weren't quite at it, but I expected that due to the amount of effort the group put in the last few games.

"That is why we made changes, to try and bring some energy back in.

"The mentality the lads showed once again, to not know when their beaten was great.

"We probably should have won it in the end because we were the team in the ascendancy.

"Bit of frustration in the end."

He continued: "We didn't take them

and then we somehow found ourselves one nil down with their first action of the game.

"We kept going and got control of the game and Kyle (Joseph) took his goal brilliantly.

"You think to yourself is it going to be on of them days when they went 2-1 up, as it was a bit of a sucker punch after all the chances we had.

"The ability to go again and create more chances was great, a real credit to the group."

FOOTBALL

Honouring Adam Ankers

A CHARITY football match has been organised to honour a former Wycombe Wanderers foundation player who sadly died earlier this year.

Adam Ankers, 17, lost his life after suffering a sudden cardiac whilst playing in a fixture for the young Chairboys on Monday, February 5.

Despite the best efforts of on-the-field medics and as well members of staff from the Thames Valley Air Ambulance and Harefield Hospital, who unfortunately did not recover and passed away.

Following his tragic death, numerous clubs have paid their respects to the much-loved teen, with Wycombe remaining Adams Park to Adam's Park for their home fixture against Oxford United six months ago.

The charity match will take place on Friday, September 6 at Risborough Rangers' stadium, with the fixture kicking-off at 7.30pm.

Funds raised from the game will be used to purchase a cardiac screening programme at the Horsenden-based stadium.

A target of £8,500 has been set, with £2,095 being raised so far.

To donate to the cause, go to www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/risborough-rangers-CRY-screening.

FOOTBALL

Date is set for Aston Villa's arrival at HP12

WYCOMBE Wanderers' home League Cup tie against Aston Villa will be shown live on Sky Sports.

The clash at Adams Park will take place on Tuesday, September 24 with the fixture kicking off at 8pm.

It is the first meeting between the two sides since the 2015/16 season, both the Chairboys and the Villans faced off in the FA Cup.

A 1-1 draw in Buckinghamshire meant Gareth Ainsworth's side travelled to the Midlands to face the then-struggling Premier League side in a reply, where they lost 2-0.

In the League Cup, there have been two meetings between the two teams with both encounters taking place in the 2000s.

The first was in September 2003, which saw Villa smash Wycombe 5-0 at Adams Park.

Two years later, they met again at Adams Park with Wanderers losing 8-3, despite being 3-1 up at half-time.

SPORT



Changes for your diary as two fixtures are moved



Mansfield at home has been postponed (Benji Walker)

WYCOMBE Wanderers' home match against Mansfield Town has been postponed due to the international break.

Both the Stags and the Chairboys have had several players receive call-ups for their respective nations, but it was the Nottinghamshire-based team that requested the change of date.

This comes after Lucas Akins (Grenada), Keanu Baccus (Australia) and Ben Waine (New Zealand), all received invites to play for their countries.

For Wanderers, Joe Low (Wales) and Jaiden Bartolo (Gibraltar) also picked up call-ups for the upcoming international weekend on September 7/8.

A new date will be announced in due course.

This season is the first since the 2002/03 campaign that Nigel Clough's side are back in the third tier of English football.

The last time to two teams meet was in December 2017, with the Stags beating the Chairboys 2-1 at Adams Park.

This isn't the only match focusing on Wanderers to be moved in September.

Wycombe had been due to play the Brighton & Hove Albion U21s in the EFL Trophy on September 24 at Adams Park.

However, due to the Chairboys being drawn against Premier League Aston Villa in the League Cup that week, the clash between the Adams Park side at the young Seagulls will take place one week earlier on September 17.

The two sides met in last year's

edition of the competition, which saw the Chairboys defeat the Sussex-based team 4-1 at Adams Park in January.

Kieran Sadlier scored a brace, Dale Taylor got on the scoresheet along with a Leigh Kavanagh own goal, as they helped Wanderers progress out of the quarter-finals, and into the semis.

Wanderers' next game in any capacity will be against Northampton Town on September 14 at Sixfields.

That match will kick-off at 12.30pm.

Academy could arrive by the 2025/26 season

By James Richings

WYCOMBE Wanderers have 'taken steps' into launching an academy for the 2025/26 season.

The Chairboys, who are now owned by the Georgian-Kazakhstani billionaire Mikhail Lomtadze following his acquisition of the club in May, have 'formally submitted its intention to apply for a Category 4 Academy Licence'.

This is a model that focuses on the 'late development' of aspiring footballers from the Under-17 age group.

Academy Director Jeremy Sauer has written to the EFL, to outline the roadmap strategy for the academy, which will underpin the owners' commitment to youth development by creating a pathway of future professional footballers.

The strategy also details the alignment of the club's strategy, infrastructure and staffing to meet the requirements not just for Category 4 status, but also with a view of achieving Category 1 status.

The latter focuses on children from under nines to 21-year-olds.

Jeremy Sauer commented: "A Category 1 academy is a core part of the club's vision for the future and we will work tirelessly towards achieving this goal.

"It is a gradual process and for now our efforts are centred towards preparing our Academy Licence application to begin an academy at Category 4 status.

"We are grateful to the EFL for its guidance to date and look forward to delivering a leading high-performance academy that will contribute positively to both our own and the EFL's long-term goals."

Following Lomtadze's purchase of Wycombe from the Couhigs in the spring, the tycoon is hoping to aid the development of numerous youngsters in England and Kazakhstan, with the project rumoured to cost around £18m.

Wanderers' have been without an official academy since the end of the 2011/12 season, due to the club's then financial situation.

The closure meant they became the first team out of the 72 Football League clubs to function without one.

Notable alumni from Wanderers' previous academy include names such as Jordon Ibe, Matty Phillips and Roger Johnson.

However, in 2020, Wycombe, under the stewardship of the Couhigs, launched a development squad which helped nurture the careers of Anis Mehmeti (now at Bristol City), Ali Al-Hamadi (now at Ipswich Town), and Chris Forino (now at Bolton Wanderers).

Speaking in May, Lomtadze said: "Football is a mass and entertainment sport with great potential for improving sportsmanship, and in many countries, football is a source of great pride.

"I am confident that our football can be taken to a new level using my experience in creating innovative businesses using modern technologies and artificial intelligence.

"I hope that we will be able to train world-class stars for Kazakhstani football.

"The dream of any football academy student is to play in the main team of a football club.

"Therefore, an academy without a football club has no chance of success.

"Simply put, you train and improve your skills in the academy, and there is no opportunity to play in the first team of the club.

"I plan to change it, because the club intends to give opportunities to our graduates, to be a place for them to open the way to big football."



Wanderers have been without an academy since the end of the 2011/12 season (Benji Walker)

Bartolo on his time at Adams Park so far

WYCOMBE Wanderers striker Jaiden Bartolo has revealed that his teammates 'have given him lots of advice' following his move to Adams Park this summer.

The 18-year-old, who was born in Slough but is of Sri Lankan and Maltese descent and was raised in Gibraltar, joined the Chairboys from Non League Wealdstone.

He was initially going to play in the club's development squad, but after impressing manager Matt Bloomfield, he has been included in six of the club's seven matchday squads so far this campaign, featuring three times.

This includes making his debut in the opening weekend 3-2 defeat away at Wrexham, where he played the final half-an-hour.

Speaking on his move to Wanderers, Bartolo, who has also played for Amersham Town, said: "I came in pre-season and just worked my socks off day in, day out. "I have been training every day and I'm glad that I am getting opportunities.

"I'm just taking them as they come."

On learning from experienced individuals such as Sam Vokes and Garath McCleary, who made their professional debuts when Bartolo was an infant, he added: "When you play with these players, day in, day out, they are always going to make you better.

"You learn off them and a lot of the lads, especially the older lads, have given me loads of advice.

"They have told me what I can do better and how I can improve, so working with the coaches and the advice that was there is going to benefit me."

The teenager is away with his fellow Gibraltarians as Team 54 prepares for two Nations League fixtures against Andorra and Liechtenstein respectively.

If he features in any of those two matches, it will be his first appearance for his country on home soil.

His previous outings have been played in Portugal.

He added: "It'll be great to play in Gibraltar - I've not played here before so it'll be good to be in front of the home crowd and hopefully, make an impact."