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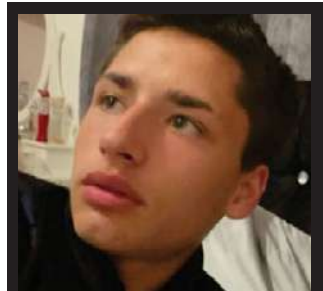


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## SPORT

## A return to the green table

HIGH Wycombe cueist Matt Wilson made a winning return to the Cuestars circuit following a break of over six years.

The 40-year-old pocketed £200 in prize money after beating Surrey's Paul Bunyard 2-0 in the final of the second leg of the Seniors (40+) Tour at Woking Snooker Centre.

It was nip and tuck the whole way in the opening frame of the high-quality match until Wilson laid a decisive snooker on the pink leaving the cue-ball tight to the black. Bunyard, who won the first leg in Fareham, failed to hit the pink and left an easy frame ball for his opponent.

A solid 40 break put Wilson in early control of the second frame.

Bunyard had an opportunity to get back in but a missed brown to the middle pocket proved costly as Wilson duly stepped in to complete victory with a clinical effort of 56.

Rankings leader Bunyard only dropped one frame - to Paul Ganley (Chessington) in the quarter-finals - en route to the final at his home club. Wilson was pushed extremely hard in his last-eight and semi-final matches, prevailing in third-frame deciders against Andy Lavin and Paul Davis respectively.

Lavin, who is based at Shots in Watford, recorded the day's highest break of 76 on his Cuestars debut and on the back of winning Week 5 of the Snooker Legends 900 series, beating the recent Swindon Championship Tour winner Billy Castle on the way.

Lavin reached the quarter-finals and donated his prize money to Dalton Lawrence (Guildford) who plays in the World Disability Billiards and Snooker German Open in Rusesheim this week.

Jason Pusser (Bournemouth) is joint third in the rankings, two points adrift of second-placed Carl Davies (Bournemouth), after losing 2-0 to Bunyard in the last-four.

The Parris Cues-sponsored event attracted a massive field of 46, one fewer than last season's record of 47 in the corresponding fixture.

Organisers thanked Terry Teeman for officiating the final and Woking SC manager Peter Ruddick for being a brilliant host as always.

Greenbaize Snooker Club, Bournemouth, hosts the third leg of nine on Sunday, November 26.

To find out about Parris Cues, visit [www.parriscues.com](http://www.parriscues.com).

# Humiliated in the Women's FA Cup



It wasn't Wycombe's day in the Women's FA Cup as they were thumped 8-1 by Dartford Image: PA

A relentless away bout against Dartford Women saw the Chairgirls crash out of the FA Cup qualifying rounds following an 8-1 defeat.

Wycombe's second fixture of the qualifying stages of the FA Cup kicked off with heavy pressure from Dartford.

Their deep and early pressing into the final third offered multiple chances for the home side to get the early lead. In the opening five minutes, a long ball from a goal kick allowed Dartford to cross the ball into their box and through Wycombe's defense, slotting it in the bottom right corner.

A tough opener for the Chairgirls did not hinder their efforts, as they kept the hosts at bay for the remainder of the first half, with Wycombe goalkeeper, Chelsea Coles, providing vital saves to maintain the 1-0 deficit into half-time.

The final 45 proved demanding for the Chairgirls, after conceding three in five minutes to go 4-0 down. Despite the taxing start, Wycombe stayed persistent with their attacking attempts, with numerous chances created.

Following the home side losing possession from their throw-on, Emily McCartney carried the ball down the right side of the pitch, passing to Katie Riddington who found Ammara Qureshi.

Qureshi's left-footed strike met the keeper but acted as Wycombe's first threat at goal.

By Darcie Panayiotou

The Chairgirls' further chances came from Captain, Bobby Lynch, whose free-kick was sent inches over the crossbar, as well as Ashleigh Harte, whose shot was punched away by the Dartford keeper.

Following a strenuous 85 minutes, the Chairgirls found themselves 7-0 down.

However, Ammara Qureshi, who produced a strong chance for the visitors earlier in the match, earned her first senior team goal, assisted by Katie Riddington, with a stunning strike finding the bottom right corner.

The final whistle capped the match with the hosts securing an 8-1 win, ending Wycombe's FA Cup qualifying run.

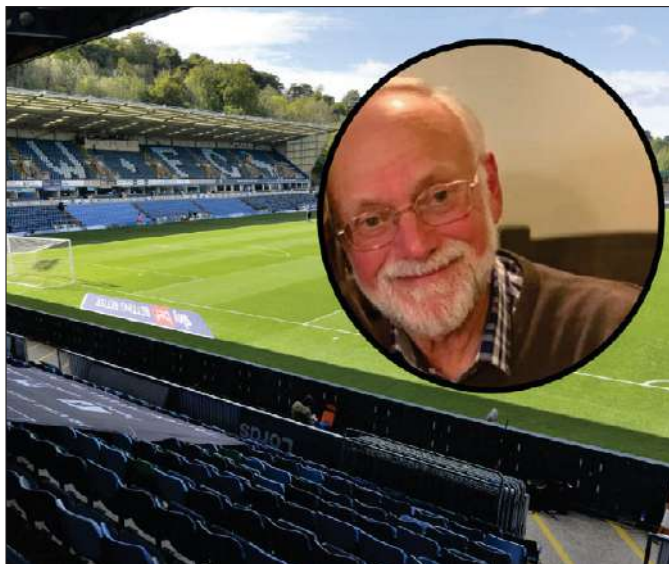
The Chairgirls will be back in action on Sunday, October 29 as they take on Woodley United away from home back in the Southern Region Women's Football League.

It will kick-off at 2pm.

To read more about the latest Wycombe Wanderers news (for both the men and women's teams), go to [www.bucksfreepress.co.uk/sport](http://www.bucksfreepress.co.uk/sport).

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Dave Finch (pictured) passed away at the age of 73 earlier on this month Image: PA

## Fans applaud a much-loved and life-long fan

WYCOMBE Wanderers manager Matt Bloomfield has paid tribute to one of the club's long-running fans who recently passed away.

Dave Finch, who began to support the Chairboys in the 1960s and would become a historian at the club, died suddenly earlier this month at the age of 73.

He was also a member of the Official Wycombe Wanderers Supporters Association committee and wrote the club's official history book in the 1990s.

On Dave's passing, Bloomfield said: "Whenever we lose one of our own, it's extremely sad.

"The way Dave supported us over numerous years shows we've got some incredible people who dedicate their lives to Wycombe Wanderers.

"And Dave was one of them.

"We need to be thankful for a support Dave gave us and the happiness he took from supporting us and we'll always remember him.

"Our thoughts are with his family."

A minute's applause in the 73rd minute of Wanderers' away 2-2 against Peterborough on October 21 at London Road took place in Dave's memory.



# A point on the road

WYCOMBE Wanderers manager Matt Bloomfield said he is 'satisfied' with his team's performance after they drew 2-2 with Peterborough United.

The Chairboys took the lead through Brandon Hanlan's 20th minute opener, before a Joel Randall corner and a fantastic effort from Ephron Mason-Clarke on the stroke of half-time put the Posh a goal up.

However, Wanderers piled on the pressure and got their equaliser through a Mason-Clarke own goal from a Luke Leahy free-kick.

He said: "My overriding feeling is of pride and joy as we pressed, defended and created really well. "We had more shots at goal, more shots on target, more shots inside

the box, more XG so I'm very happy.

"I felt very calm because for the first 40 minutes, we were the better team, but we were erratic for five minutes which was when they scored their second.

"That was disappointing but you need to take the emotion out, so I told the boys how I saw it, as all we wanted was to replicate the first half in the second.

"We did that and I really enjoyed the way we played.

"I'm satisfied as we played against a top opposition.

"We spoke at Charlton and Portsmouth about playing well but not getting anything, so today's like today showed that we had the character to do that. This group is slowly growing and developing."



There has never been a 0-0 draw between Wycombe and Peterborough with 16 of the 32 matches having more than three goals scored (PA)

## Alan Parry's Previews: Up next is Oxford away



Can Wycombe beat Oxford?

DEFENSIVE errors are costing Wycombe dearly and it is a problem Matt Bloomfield needs to sort out before their final game of a testing week when they take on free-scoring Oxford United on Saturday, October 28.

The Chairboys have conceded six goals in their last two games against Peterborough United and Bolton Wanderers and picked up just one out of a possible six points.

Now they face an Oxford team who are the second highest scorers in League One and who, despite a mid-week defeat at Wigan Athletic, have been in great form under new manager Liam Manning.

Oxford have won six of their last eight league games and suffered just three defeats in 13 matches.

Manning, who gained coaching experience with West Ham at under 23 level, was highly thought of at Manchester City, where he took charge of two of the club's overseas franchises in New York and then Belgium.

His first senior post in England was at MK Dons where, in his first season as manager, he guided them to the play-off semi-finals only to lose to Wycombe.

Oxford have talented players like Cameron Branan and Billy Bodin who will be familiar to Wanderers fans, but their leading scorer is new-comer Greg Leigh.

The Jamaica international has netted five times in nine appearances despite playing at left back in Oxford's 4-2-3-1 formation.

They have plenty of goal threats in other positions and Barnsley are the only club in the division with a better scoring record.

Wycombe beat their near neighbours home and away last season with Chris Forino scoring the only goal at the Kassam Stadium, and Sam Vokes and Anis Mehmeti on target in a 2-0 win at Adams Park.

The Chairboys are unbeaten in the last five M40 derbies, winning four of them including the memorable triumph at Wembley in the 2019/20 play-off final to gain promotion to the Championship.

Bloomfield's men have proved they can score goals at this level against the top teams but defensive frailties have come back to haunt them and a clean sheet at Oxford would be a step in the right direction.

# Positives despite recent home loss



Matt Bloomfield had mixed feelings as Wycombe lost 4-2 at home to Bolton on October 24 Image: PA

WYCOMBE Wanderers manager Matt Bloomfield believes there were 'many positives' to take despite their 4-2 home loss against Bolton Wanderers.

The Chairboys were 2-0 down at the break thanks to strikes from Paris Maghoma and George Thomas, before a Luke Leahy goal and a David Wheeler tap-in put the home side level with eight minutes remaining.

However, Bolton scored twice in the final five minutes to secure their first victory at Adams Park, with Eoin Toal and an Aaron Morley penalty wrapping up the victory.

The defeat means it's the first time since August that the Chairboys had been defeated at home, whilst Bolton remain in fourth.

Speaking to the press, Bloomfield said: "We're disappointed for the way the first-half went but when we got the first goal from Luke [Leahy], and what a goal it was, we were right back in it.

"We were in control, we were in the ascendancy, we were in their half and we were good value for a point.

"So we're bitterly disappointed not to get anything from the game."

"There are many positives to take despite the loss as we've found ourselves not wanting in any game against a side that should be up near the top."

Despite the result meaning it's now two games without a win in the league for the Chairboys, the second half outing indicated that Wanderers' mentality to fight amongst those higher in the table is evident to see.

By James Richings

Leahy's goal on 47 minutes was the perfect start to the half, whilst Wheeler's equaliser was a fair reflection of Wycombe's performance.

However, the two goals they conceded in the final five minutes is an area for Bloomfield to look at, as he has asked for his players to remain 'calm' when in those situations.

He continued: "When we spoke at half-time, I felt that the distance between the units wasn't close enough and the front two weren't pressing together, so we corrected that tactically and that enabled us to get closer to Bolton.

"We got them pressed and were able to play the way we wanted to play as we created shots, had attacks and tested their keeper but it wasn't to be this evening.

"Bolton's third goal came so soon after we equalised so it could be a mentality thing.

"The crowd were brilliant when we got it back to 2-2 as they were right behind us, so at that point, the boys were looking to find the winner but unfortunately, we were sucker punched on two occasions, but that's why it's important to have that balance and be calm.

"We of course want to go for the win, but we needed to defend better.

"I don't want to change the lads' mentality as I always want them to score but there is a time when you need to be clear and stay solid at the back."

Up next for Wycombe is Oxford away on October 28.



# SPORT



Brandon Hanlan (pictured against Charlton) Image: PA

## Boss happy with Hanlan's work rate as striker continues to shine

WYCOMBE Wanderers manager Matt Bloomfield praised the performance of Brandon Hanlan following the club's 2-2 draw at Peterborough United. The ex-Bristol Rovers and Gillingham man scored the opener in what was his third goal of the season.

He also had two more other opportunities to score, before being substituted for Garath

McCleary with 10 minutes remaining.

He said: "I believe Brandon is growing as a player in terms of his output for the team.

"We know about his threat in behind, his physical prowess and how he can drive us up the pitch.

"I feel he is adding to his game as he is working so hard at the training ground.

"He is such a good lad and he's a hard worker and overall, a very good person foremost.

"He cares about his football and his career which is good to see, and he's performing at a really top level.

"Long may that continue."

The draw was a statement of intent for the rest of the League One teams, as Wycombe continue to push for a top six place.

Additionally, the draw at the Posh is the first of four games to be played across the next 10 days.

Bloomfield added: "I'm pleased with the performance as Peterborough will be competing for promotion at the end of the season.

"I felt the boys performed admirably and I'm pleased with the way we pressed.

# Fantastic Freddie shines once more

WYCOMBE Wanderers manager Matt Bloomfield has praised the attitude and performance of Freddie Potts following his move to Adams Park.

The 20-year-old, who had never played league football before his transfer on loan from West Ham United in the summer, has featured in 16 of the club's 17 fixtures this season, starting on 13 occasions.

He has also chalked up two games in that time against Charlton Athletic and Fleetwood Town respectively, with his attacking and defensive abilities pleasing the Wanderers coaching staff.

And Bloomfield admitted that the club 'gambled' on trying to secure his services during the summer due to the interest surrounding the central midfielder.

He told the Free Press: "I've been impressed with how Fred and Josh [Scowen] have performed.

"Their games complement each other and I think Fred has taken to league football brilliantly.

"I can't ask for anymore in terms of his output.

"Despite being so young, he is so mature for his age and one thing I love about him is that he is always wanting to improve.

"There is nothing about him which gets carried away, he lives by his means and he's a great lad who just wants to have a good career in football.

"We want to help him and we're happy to have him."

By James Richings

Before his transfer, Potts, who turned 20 in September, had only played PL2 football, whilst also featuring sporadically for the Hammers.

His five appearances in the claret and blue side have come in the Football League Trophy and Europa League Conference, with the latter being won by West Ham last season.

As part of the squad, he was awarded a winner's medal following the club's 2-1 victory against Fiorentina in the final back in June.

Bloomfield continued: "During the summer, we didn't realise how much recruitment we had to do in terms of the squad turnover.

"We wanted a certain type of profile to come in and because of that, we realised that we needed Premier League loans.

"And Fred is someone we have known about for a long time.

"Tommo [assistant manager Richard Thomas] has been watching him for a long time but we knew that we needed to be patient.

"He went to Australia with West Ham in the summer and there is always that risk when things take a bit too long, you could miss out.

"But we got in through a gamble and we're delighted to have him."

Potts is expected to start for Wycombe in their next fixture, which is away to Oxford United on October 28 at the Kassam Stadium.



Freddie Potts (far left) has been praised by manager Matt Bloomfield (PA)



A tough evening at AP (PA)

## Lessons to be learnt

WYCOMBE Wanderers manager Matt Bloomfield has explained why centre back Chris Forino missed the recent 4-2 home defeat to Bolton Wanderers.

The 23-year-old, who has featured in 14 of the club's 17 games this season, was not named in the starting 11 or the substitutes bench, with the evergreen Richard Keogh coming in to replace him.

And whilst the 38-year-old deputised reasonably well, he was at fault for Bolton's fourth strike of the night.

He lost out to Cameron Jerome in a one-on-one situation which gave the visitors a penalty in the 89th minute.

This was duly dispatched by Aaron Morley as Wycombe lost for only the third time at home since the start of the season in all competitions.

He said: "It's too early to say about Chris.

"He got a knock when we faced Peterborough on Saturday so he's been nursing that.

"This meant he wasn't ready to be back for tonight, however, we'll be keeping an eye on him ahead of our trip to Oxford on Saturday."

The boss also backed Wanderers number one goalkeeper, Max Stryjek, after his shaky performance on Tuesday night.

Bloomfield added: "He's a strong character he is Max, and he's been like that since he's been with us.

"He's always performed at the top level in the year-and-a-bit since he's been here and he'll be fine."