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WYCOMBE Wanderers have confirmed that a part of their stadium has been named after the legendary broadcaster, Bill Turnbull.

The 66-year-old, who co-hosted BBC Breakfast for 15 years, was a lifelong fan of the club and was known for offering his voice to BBC 3 Counties Radio, where he would co-commentate on several of the team's matches.

His passing on August 31 from prostate cancer, an illness that he had battled for nearly five years, was met with immense sadness to everyone that knew and worked with him, which included those based at Adams Park.

So ahead of Wycombe's match against Accrington Stanley on September 13, which ended in a 1-0 win for the Chairboys, the club unveiled its newly renamed gantry.

Matt Cecil, who is Wanderers' head of media and marketing, told the BBC: "Bill would regularly complain (in jest) and longed for a return to the gantry."

"With ISDN soon to become defunct, we've jumped the gun and found an internet solution, which means we can commentate from the gantry again."

A unique
first this
weekend

THIS weekend's match between Derby County and Wycombe Wanderers will mark a first for a unique reason.

It'll be the inaugural occasion that the two teams will play one another with spectators present, following their previous behind-closed-doors matches.

They last met during the 2020/21 season which were played in empty stadiums due to the Covid-19 pandemic.

Speaking on the supporters attending the match, Wanderers boss Gareth Ainsworth said: "That's brilliant. I wasn't aware of that."

"We were talking earlier [September 15] that Matt Bloomfield's Championship goal was against Derby, so he's got great memories of that place and hopefully we will have a few more good memories this weekend."

"It's a tough place to go but we will prepare right."

Ainsworth: 'All water
under the bridge'

By James Richings

WYCOMBE Wanderers manager Gareth Ainsworth has insisted that his side are 'totally focused' on this weekend's game at Derby County, and that their off-the-field issues are now 'water under the bridge'.

The two clubs have been involved in a lengthy civil case as the Chairboys took the Rams to court over an alleged loss of earnings following their relegation from the Championship in 2021.

Wanderers finished the season in 22nd place on 43 points, whilst Derby survived the drop into League One by securing one more point than Gareth Ainsworth's men.

However, during the course of the 2020/21 campaign, it was revealed that Derby had breached the EFL's financial fair play regulations in which they were given a nine point deduction.

This deduction came into effect for the 2021/22, before they had another 12 points taken off after they entered administration.

Aggrieved by this, Wanderers argued that the withdrawal of points should have taken place a season before, when they were both competing in the Championship.

That decision would have ultimately kept Wycombe in the second tier of English football for a second consecutive season.

The off-the-field issues with the former champions of England continued throughout the entire of the previous campaign, as many potential buyers either pulled out of deals or have had their takeovers blocked by the Football League.

Derby were eventually saved from liquidation in June this year, as Derbyshire-based property developer David Clowes had purchased Pride Park, along with the club.

When asked if the off-the-field issues will add more spice to the fixture, Ainsworth said: "It will do to



Wycombe drew 1-1 in their first-ever visit to Derby County in November 2020 (PA)

some fans and media outlets, but absolutely not from me.

"Derby finished with more points than us that season and that's the end of it."

"It was for the people upstairs to talk about, but we are totally focused on a League One fixture now."

"They have had financial issues but we know what is like."

"It's all water under the bridge for me now and if we start focusing on that, it will take everything away from our tactics, the way we play and our intensity which we need to have to try and beat a team like Derby County."

"There is no denying that they are a huge, huge, huge club."

"One of 'biggest to have ever been

in League One and I think we have got to respect that."

"We went down by one point in the Championship and I know that will be the focus for some people, but not me."

"It's a different year, we're in League One and we plan to finish in the top six of this division."

The match will kick-off at 3pm.



Josh Parker only scored one goal for Wycombe across two spells

Ex-Wanderer moves
to Non League club

A former Wycombe Wanderers striker has signed for a Non League club in the Thames Valley.

Josh Parker, who has two separate spells with the Chairboys, has penned an undisclosed contract with Oxford City who play their trade in the National League South.

The 31-year-old has not been with a club since leaving Burton Albion in the summer of

2021 but played for Risborough Rangers sporadically last season on a non-contract basis.

Following his unveiling on September 12, he was included in the club's starting line-up for their away fixture at Chelmsford, which the hosts won thanks to a last-minute strike.

Upon joining the Hoops, he said: "It's very exciting and I'm very happy to sign."

"I've had a tough year out of football after an injury, so it's nice to get back into football and nice to sign for a club that is very close knit, well run and a group of player who have ambition."

Across his two spells with Wycombe, Parker played 23 times and scored once.

His only goal was in the 2-1 away win at Milton Keynes in the Football League Trophy back in November 2019.



Max Stryjek (pictured playing for Livingston) has kept three clean sheets in five games so far this season (PA)

Loving life in Bucks

WYCOMBE Wanderers' new goalkeeper Max Stryjek has revealed that he is 'really happy' to be in Buckinghamshire following his move to the club in August.

The 26-year-old signed a permanent deal with the Chairboys this summer from Scottish side Livingston, after two of Wanderers' keepers left during June.

David Stockdale turned down a new deal to move to Sheffield Wednesday in order to be closer to his family in Leeds, whilst second choice shot-stopper, Adam Pryzbek joined League Two Walsall following his release.

This left Tyla Dickinson as the club's only recognised keeper, and after a loan move for Manchester United's Nathan Bishop fell through

due to the Red Devils changing their mind on his availability, Wycombe opted to sign Stryjek.

He said: "It's really nice here. "I really like the facilities, it's a great club with a great bunch of lads and everyone made me feel welcome straight away, so I am really happy that I have joined here. "Of course, we are close by to London which is great.

"Marlow is a nice place to live in but at the moment, I'm looking for a flat/house to stay in but I will get there at some point.

"I'll move everyone down and so my girlfriend and my dog."

He has so far made 14 saves from the 16 shots he has faced in the league since making his debut on in the 3-0 win away at Barnsley.

Alan Parry Previews Derby vs Wycombe



The first match ended 1-1 (PA)

ONE of the strangest rivalries in football could mean that Wycombe face a hostile reception when they visit Derby County's Pride Park stadium on Saturday, September 17.

Most sporting conflicts involve clubs from the same city such as Liverpool and Everton or Rangers and Celtic, but this one is different.

Wycombe and Derby are separated by 140 miles, they have met only twice before, and when the Rams were winning league titles and playing in Europe 50 years ago, Wycombe were still a Non League club.

The answer to their mysterious rivalry lies in events that followed Wycombe's relegation from the Championship in season 2020/21.

The Chairboys finished the campaign just one point behind Derby who avoided going down despite admitting breaches of financial regulations.

They were punished by having points deducted, but the penalty was held over to the following season which was too late to save Wanderers.

Wycombe chairman Rob Couhig believed his club had a case for compensation and pursued a claim when Derby subsequently went into administration.

Derby fans took to social media to insist that Wycombe's claim helped to deter potential buyers and left their club in danger of liquidation.

However, the Rams was bought by a local businessman, and they exited administration, while Couhig has since revealed that his claim has been partially settled.

The whole episode left Derby fans holding a grudge against Wycombe, and they are expected to make their feelings known on Saturday.

Coincidentally, this will be a year to the day since the Rams announced they were entering administration.

They were relegated to League One last season and saw the departure of no fewer than 18 players, replaced by 16 new arrivals.

Manager Wayne Rooney also left for MLS club D.C. United.

So, it will be a very different Derby to the one Wycombe faced at Pride Park in the Championship two years ago.

That finished 1-1 thanks to a late equaliser by Matt Bloomfield, his final goal as a Wanderers player.

In the return fixture at Adams Park, Wanderers were unlucky to lose to a stoppage time goal after having a strike by Daryl Horgan incorrectly ruled out for offside.

McCarthy goal gives Wanderers the win



Jason McCarthy scored his first goal of the season in the win against Accrington Stanley, in what was his first league start of the campaign

JASON McCarthy marked his first league start of the campaign with the game's only goal, as Wycombe Wanderers defeated Accrington Stanley 1-0 at Adams Park.

Ahead of kick off, there was a minute's silence for Her late Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, who passed away aged 96 on September 8.

Her death saw competitive fixtures across the country on September 10 get postponed as a mark of respect, and following the minute's silence which was beautifully observed against the North West side, spectators stood on their feet for the National Anthem.

On the football, it was the visitors who had the game's first chance but Tommy Leigh's shot on 10 minutes was easily saved by Max Stryjek.

Wanderers started to dominate the ball and began to put Stanley on the backfoot, and after Sam Vokes' header from an Anis Mehmeti cross was saved by Lukas Jensen on 20 minutes, Gareth Ainsworth's men just had to wait 60 seconds more to take the lead.

From the resulting kickoff, Josh Scowen's through ball managed to cut open the Accrington defence which allowed McCarthy to go one-on-one with Jensen.

The 26-year-old, who was making his 250th career appearance, had acres of space to run in, and after taking one touch, he slotted it beyond the on-rushing keeper.

His goal was his first of the sea-

By James Richings

son and his first since March.

Having already got one, he nearly got a second on the half-hour mark, but his looping header from a Mehmeti cross went just over the crossbar.

Stanley were flat in the opening half but did show glimpses of what they could offer, as Shaun Whalley's shot was saved by Stryjek, but Wanderers were comfortable as they led at half-time.

The away side started the second period with the wind in their sails as they forced Stryjek into another important save.

This time, the Polish keeper blocked Shaun Whalley's close-range effort.

As the game went on, the play became scrappy and bitty but Wycombe will be wondering how they didn't increase their lead.

Lewis Wing forced Jensen into a save as his long-range shot went straight down the keeper's throat before he denied Mehmeti on two occasions.

In the final five minutes, John Coleman's men threw the kitchen at the Wanderers goal.

Leigh, Whalley, Ethan Hamilton, and Sean McConville all tried their luck but Stryjek was on hand to make numerous saves, with some of the attempts going wide.

It was a nervy ending, but Wycombe recorded their first home league win of the season since the opening day of the campaign.

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Max Stryjek hails his new teammates



It will take place in November (PA)

New date for Port Vale home fixture

WYCOMBE Wanderers have confirmed that their fixture with Port Vale has been given a new date.

The Chairboys were due to take on the Staffordshire club on Saturday, September 10 at Adams Park.

However, following the passing of Her late Majesty, Queen Elizabeth II on Thursday, September 8, competitive fixtures in all of England's top divisions and the Non League were postponed out of respect.

It has now been confirmed that the fixture has been moved to Tuesday, November 1 instead, with the match kicking off at 7.45pm.

The two teams have faced each other 16 times with Wanderers winning six of those matches.

The last meeting between the two was in the 2017/18 season.

Getting ready to face Derby County

WYCOMBE Wanderers manager Gareth Ainsworth is looking forward to his side's visit to Derby County this weekend.

The match on September 17 will only be the second time in the club's history that the Chairboys will visit Pride Park, with the Adams Park outfit picking up a draw on their most previous visit.

And with the Rams losing in their most recent fixture against Lincoln, Ainsworth is expecting a 'tough game' against Liam Rosenior's men.

He said: "We have got a tough game against Derby on Saturday.

"They have recently lost to Lincoln so that is probably one that they didn't expect was going to happen and we need to try and hit them hard.

"We gave ourselves a great account of when we last played at Derby, and they'll no doubt try and want to bounce back against us.

"Lincoln got to a play-off final a couple of seasons ago and it is not impossible to think that anyone can beat anyone in this league no matter how big the club seems to be.

"Derby have started like a train but people will work how they play and what they do and we will try an combat that."



Max Stryjek (playing for Eastleigh in March 2020) has now kept three clean sheets in five games for Wycombe since moving to the club (PA)

By James Richings

WYCOMBE Wanderers goalkeeper Max Stryjek has reflected on his side's performance as the Chairboys defeated Accrington Stanley 1-0 at Adams Park.

The 26-year-old made five important saves during the contest, as he helped Gareth Ainsworth's men secure their first home league win of the campaign since the opening day of the season.

The victory also saw the Polish keeper keep his third clean sheet in five games, since moving to the club from Livingston last month.

Speaking on the Wanderers'

win against his former side, Stryjek said: "We train every day and everyone knows what their jobs are, and as I get to know my teammates better, they will know what to expect from me, and I think we know to expect from them which helps."

"I think we should have won by a bit more but of course, keeping a clean sheet is a part of my job and I think we played well from the defensive side of the team.

"Jack [Grimmer] got on the end of so many balls, Alfie [Mawson] of course helped too.

"We were solid and I don't think we were really threatened by them so I think we were really good.

"I am pleased with the perfor-

mance."

The keeper is hoping to make his name in England in what will be his first real opportunity as a number one goalkeeper with an EFL side.

He began his professional career with Sunderland and was on the books with the Black Cats for six years, but he did not make a first-team appearance for the North East club.

Instead, loans spells at Non League Boston United and Eastleigh followed, but in between that, he had an unfortunate period with Wanderers' most recent opponents in Accrington Stanley.

Signing a five month loan deal on August 31, 2017 from Sunderland, Stryjek was injured just six

minutes into his debut against Morecambe three days later.

His pulled hamstring kept on the sidelines, in which he was demoted as Stanley's second choice.

He would play just two more games for the club, both in the Football League Trophy.

Now at Wycombe following a second stint at Eastleigh, and then spending two years at Livingston, he hopes to continue his good run of form.

Stryjek continued: "We knew that we had to pick up three points, and we know that Accrington would be on it and that they will be a physical side.

"But we were up to the challenge and I am happy to help the team."