



Reaches 75% of adults in High Wycombe, Beaconsfield and Marlow each month

*E Telmer Oct 2021 (4 weeks in print & online)

Bucks Free Press

Friday, November 10, 2023

Covering Wycombe, South Bucks, Chilterns and Aylesbury since 1856

£1.50

Pages 10 & 11



PALESTINE PROTESTERS DESCEND ...but calls for halt to rallies on Remembrance Day

DOUBLE-YOLK EGGS SHOCK FOR FAMILY



Page 3

MONTHS OF HOLE HELL FOR RENTERS



Page 7

Headache for drivers as both A40 & A41 shut by roadworks

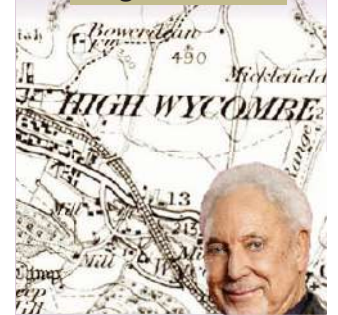
Page 2

SEVERAL roads are being closed this week for roadworks, including resurfacing of the A41 in Woodham and Farnham Road in Farnham Royal.

Bucks motorists' suffer week of delays misery

BIRD'S EYE VIEW TO MAP OUT HISTORY

Pages 40 & 41



INSIDE 4 PAGES OF PUZZLES & 7 PAGES OF TV

Briants Gardening, Garden Machinery & Forestry Supplies
STIHL HONDA HAYTER
SUPPLIERS OF FENCING & GARDEN MACHINERY
AMAZING DEALS ON ALL CHAINSAWS & LEAF BLOWERS
 You can now order our products for local delivery online at www.briantsltd.co.uk or call 01844 343663

RAJ
BRING YOUR OWN ALCOHOL
VENUE AVAILABLE for Weddings, Wedding Receptions, Birthday Parties and Office Parties, Private Hire up to 100 guests, Christmas Parties 10 people 10% off your food bill only
 17 Penn Road, Hazlemere, HP15 7LN
 01494 715666
www.raj-hazlemere.com
FREE HOME DELIVERY WITHIN 4 MILES

Sukhothai Thai Restaurant
Restaurant & Takeaway
Book Now For Christmas
 50 High Street
 Great Missenden HP16 0AU Bucks
Tel: 01494 868 911
www.sukhothaimissenden.com
20% off food bill only with this advert or quote BFP
 Sunday - Thursday only

SPORT

Hockey round across Marlow

HERE is how the Marlow Men's and Women's teams did last week.

Women's: Marlow 1s were away at Sonning. Both sides defended well in the opening 15 minutes with not much to separate them.

Marlow had the better chances but the Sonning keeper kept them out.

The breakthrough came with Martha Goodridge capitalizing on a defensive error and scrambling the ball into the Sonning goal.

The Reds went into halftime 1-0 up.

Sonning started the second half well and equalized within minutes.

The home side gained momentum and continued to pressure the Marlow defence however they could not score again and Marlow came back into the game.

Vic Allen put Marlow ahead once again in the 47th minute and Beth Halbard joined her on the scoresheet less than 10 minutes later.

A well-worked delivery from Milly Conibear at a short corner was tipped in by Lauren Hilditch to make the score 4-1. The best goal was saved until last with Beth Halbard scoring her second with a diving effort in front of the keeper leaving the final score 5-1.

In the 2nd team match, Lenny Connetta, converted a short corner to secure a point for Marlow as they drew 1-1 against Alton 1.

Other women's results saw the 3rd team draw 2-2 with Reading Phoenix1, 4s lost 4-0 away to Henley2, 5s beat Maidenhead4 2-0, 6s beat Sonning4 5-0, 7s lost 2-0 away to Sonning5

Men's: The men's 1st team were away to Slough and started on the front foot. After 6 minutes Sam North scored a well-taken penalty corner.

Slough then began to control the game in the midfield and dictate possession. They scored a goal from a corner.

The ball took an unlucky deflection which gave the keeper Max no chance. They then added another before Sam North scored his second of the game with a rocket of a drag flick into the top left corner.

This levelled the score at 2-2.

After a stern talking to from player-coach Luke Stone, Marlow pressed Slough high up the pitch and won the ball on numerous occasions which led to some fantastic chances.

Sam North completed his hat trick via a penalty stroke 10 minutes after the restart.

Marlow continued to play well and Cameron Beazley-Clarke added another with a shot on the turn.

Finally, Cameron scored another after some nice interchange passing down the left-hand side.

Marlow had dominated the second half so much that Max in goal had only one save to make.

Marlow men's 2nds met second-placed Wycombe 1sts at Pound Lane and achieved a notable win 5-1.

Marlow went on the attack from the start and missed several good chances before a passing movement down the

Chesham United are out of the cup



Chesham would lose 2-0 at home to Maidstone in the FA Cup, with nearly 3,000 people present at the fixture



Wycombe Wanderers Women defeated Eastleigh 3-2 to get back to winning ways (PA)

LOCAL people came out in force to cheer on Chesham United in the first round of the FA Cup.

Chesham booked their place in the first round proper of the FA Cup following their dramatic win against Braintree in extra time in the Fourth Qualifying Round.

So, on Saturday afternoon November 5, Chesham United of the Southern League Premier South Division, faced National League One full-time side Maidstone. This was the first time Chesham have had a home game beyond the qualifying rounds of the FA Cup since 1994.

FA rules mean that Chesham United are now allowed no more than 3,000 people in the ground.

All 2,750 advance tickets were sold out, and then club held back 250 for those wishing to pay on the gate, with the turnstiles opening at 11.00am.

In the end 2,984 spectators arrived at The Meadow ready to watch the game.

There was a great atmosphere, with regular fans outnumbered by locals who wanted to say 'I was there'.

Many came with memories of the First Round of the FA Cup in 2015, when Chesham United became FA Giant Killer of the Year and beat League Two team Bristol Rovers 1-0 away.

There was also a crowd of a few hundred fans from Maidstone, who stood out in a block many wearing their yellow and black tops, scarves and bobble

By Neil Rees

hats.

Play started well and the first ten minutes were exciting.

Chesham were dangerous with set pieces and nearly took an early lead.

With just seven minutes played, from a corner a header by Ricardo German hit the post. He was unlucky not to score, and the scramble in the box led to another Chesham corner.

However, the scoring was opened by Devonte Aransibia of Maidstone after 12 minutes.

Chesham then held on well, and looked like equalising a few times, hitting the woodwork again when a free kick by Bruno Andrade was headed by Eoin Casey against the post.

The second half looked hopeful with the crowd cheering "Come on Chesham" and "Press 'em Chess'am", but it was not to be, as substitute Levi Amanchi added their second goal 12 minutes from time which settled the tie.

Three minutes from the end, Chesham's substitute Rhys Murrell-Williamson took a free kick from just outside the box which was headed towards the top corner of the goal, but the Maidstone goalie Lucas Covolan made a great flying save.

People headed home disappointed after the FA Cup exit, but Chesham were not disgraced, putting in a great performance and playing well.

Another victory for the Wycombe Women team

THE Chairgirls returned to league action at home last weekend against Eastleigh, where they defeated their 3-2 in Burnham.

Wycombe made a fast start and created several chances before suffering a sucker punch in the 12th minute when Wanderers failed to clear a corner after Eastleigh hit the post.

However, they continued to play their football and got their reward on the 26th minute when Amy Leach's persistence saw her roll the ball over the line, before Leach struck again just

four minutes later.

Despite several further chances in the last 15 minutes of the half, Wycombe failed to take advantage of their superiority and add to the score line, going in 2-1 ahead at the interval.

The second half continued in much the same way as the first but it was not until the 82nd minute that the pressure told, as Leach turned set up Katie Riddington to race through to make it 3-1.

Eastleigh struck back five minutes later from another corner but Wycombe held onto the win and got the three points.

Bloomfield on progress

WYCOMBE Wanderers manager Matt Bloomfield has told the Free Press he is 'content' of the club's progress, but is 'hungry for more'.

The Chairboys are currently 10th in League One and take on newly-promoted Stevenage this Saturday at Adams Park.

The Boro arrive in Bucks off the back of a brilliant start to the league season, with seven victories from their opening 16 games, as they lie sixth in the table.

It's also important to note that this is the club's first year back in the third tier since 2014, following their promotion in May.

Speaking ahead of the match on Saturday, Bloomfield said: "I'm hungry for more as I know we're no way near where we believe we can

get to, but we're content with the progress we have made since February."

On facing Stevenage, who will have the ex-Wycombe fan favourite Nick Freeman in their team, he added: "They are organised and we know it'll be a tough afternoon.

"Steve is something that I have a lot of respect for and we know it won't be easy.

"But we've had several good performances recently and we need to turn those performances into results and good teams do that.

"Our focus is on that, but we have had some really good performances in recent games when we've changed formations based on the personnel and the injuries."

Alan Parry's Previews: Steve Evans arrives at AP



Stevenage's Steve Evans (PA)

WITH a place in Round Two of the FA Cup secured by winning at Bradford City last week, Wycombe now turn their attention back to League One when they host high flying Stevenage at Adams Park on Saturday, November 11.

The Hertfordshire club currently occupy the final play-off place in the division, but the Chairboys are only four points behind them with a game in hand, making this a crucial fixture for both.

The Stevenage clash is the fifth time in the space of a few weeks that Wycombe have faced one of the top six teams in League One and so far, they have picked up only two points from those games.

Wanderers boss Matt Bloomfield scored the winning goal the last time the clubs met in a league game, a 1-0 victory for Wycombe in the final match of the 2017/18 campaign.

It confirmed their promotion from League Two before a crowd of almost 9,000 at Adams Park.

The last four meetings with Stevenage have all been in cup competitions, the most recent only last month, another 1-0 win for Wycombe in the EFL Trophy with Sam Volkes scoring the winner.

The clubs have met 16 times in all competitions and there has been little to choose between them, Wycombe winning seven games to Stevenage's six while the other three matches were drawn. At Adams Park it's three wins each and one draw.

Stevenage had spent nine successive years in League Two before winning promotion last season under manager Steve Evans, a vocal and controversial figure but one who boasts an excellent managerial record.

His squad includes former Wycombe midfielder Nick Freeman, a popular player who should get a warm welcome on his return to Adams Park, while coach Alex Revell had a loan spell as a striker at Wanderers over a decade ago.

Stevenage have one of the best away records in League One with four wins, one draw and only three defeats, while Wycombe's home record is patchy so this will be a stern test for Bloomfield's injury hit squad.

However, Saturday's encounter provides the perfect opportunity for the Chairboys to prove they have what it takes to become play-off contenders this season.



This weekend's match against Stevenage is Wycombe's first at home on a Saturday since September 30 (PA)

Bloomfield bouncing with win at Bradford



The FA Cup win means Wanderers have now defeated Bradford 2-1 on their last two visits to Valley Parade - the last being in 2018 (PA)

WYCOMBE Wanderers manager Matte Bloomfield has praised his defensive players following the club's 2-1 victory against Bradford City in the FA Cup.

The Chairboys progressed into the second round of the world's oldest football competition thanks to a Killian Phillips strike and a Sam Stubbs own goal, before a Jamie Walker goal in the final 25 minutes made it a nervy ending at Valley Parade.

But Wanderers weathered the storm as they secured their first victory in the first round of the tournament since November 2017.

It also ended a run of four games without a win, whilst at the same time, making it five fixtures unbeaten on the road.

He said: "It'll be nice to have a run so getting into the second round is very pleasing.

"But to be honest, it was an uncomfortable afternoon as I thought Bradford were fantastic in the way they passed the ball, pressed and created their opportunities.

"However, I'm very happy with the way we defended our box, especially near the end when they threw everything at us.

"Luke Leahy, Ryan Tafazolli, Richard Keogh, Joe Low and Harry Boyes all defended well, along with Jasper Pattenden as well.

"They got a lot of blocks in and it's important to remember that these lads have played a lot of football in recent weeks.

"So even when they looked leggy, they still defended well so fair

By James Richings

play to them.

"We put Keogh on because of his experience he knows how to deal with those situations.

"The application and work ethic we showed was really good and I'm really impressed and pleased in how we got through it.

"This will give the boys a lot more confidence."

Wycombe, for large parts, were the better team, especially when two goals up.

But after Walker pulled one back, the Bantams' tails were up and it seemed inevitable that an equaliser was going to follow.

But heroic defending and organisation eventually got Wanderers through a challenging afternoon in West Yorkshire.

Wycombe will find out their opponents for the second round on November 5.

He continued: "I'm really proud of how defended but I want us to improve going forward as we had a couple of chances to break.

"I'm so pleased as we needed to be mindful of the fact that when it was 2-1, Bradford were playing really well.

"Their fans were waiting for something to cheer about in trying to knock out a higher league opposition, so we had to manage that.

"There were times where I thought we could have managed things a bit better, but this is part of the learning process."

SPORT



Wycombe's match against Wigan has been called off (PA)

Visit to ex-PL outfit is called off but Wanderers get home tie in the cup

WYCOMBE Wanderers' league fixture against away at Wigan Athletic has been postponed.

The Chairboys were due to face the Latics on November 18 at the DW Stadium, but the clash has been called off due to several international call-ups.

This comes as Tjay De

Barr (Gibraltar), Dale Taylor (Northern Ireland), and Joe Low (Wales) are all set to join their nationals for the upcoming international weekend.

In an official statement that was published on November 7, it reads: "EFL rules state that clubs with three or more call-ups are permitted to re-schedule

league matches, and with Wycombe receiving the minimum number of call-ups, the decision has been taken to postpone the fixture."

It's the third month in a row that the Chairboys will have a weekend off, following the postponement of their home matches against

Cambridge United in September, and Cheltenham Town in October, respectively.

However, one fixture that has been confirmed is who the Chairboys will get in the next round of the FA Cup, as Wanderers will take on League Two Morecambe at Adams Park in December.

Novice takes on the grandmaster

WYCOMBE Wanderers manager Matt Bloomfield has provided an injury update going into this weekend's league clash against Stevenage.

The Chairboys have been without full-backs Joe Jacobson, Jack Grimmer and Jason McCarthy in recent weeks, with the three playing a collective of just seven matches since August.

However, they were all spotted being put through their paces at the Marlow Road Training Ground this week, with Grimmer and Jacobson being a 'few weeks away' from returning.

McCarthy will remain absent until December, but he is 'making good progress' after suffering a recurrence of a previous toe injury.

Bloomfield told the Free Press: "We've got a few that a getting closer.

"We've had some big characters and big players that have missed huge chunks of the season if not all of it, so we're really proud at how the group has stuck together as once they're back, we'll get stronger.

"No fresh injury updates.

"It's just the ones that have been out in recent weeks but they're working themselves back."

They go into this weekend's fixture hoping to secure their first league victory in four games, in which they will face a Stevenage outfit who have taken League One by storm.

It's the first time they have returned to the third tier of English football since the 2013/14 season, and despite many tipping them for relegation, the Boro currently sit in the play-off places.

By James Richings

They have won seven of their 16 league outings where they have only lost on four occasions.

However, out of their 20 league trips on the road this calendar year, Steve Evans' side has only picked up seven victories.

Bloomfield continued: "Stevenage are a team with a strong work ethic, and they have got an identity of how they play.

"You can clearly see there is a togetherness amongst the group, and they conduct themselves in a very good way.

"When you put all of that together in within a team, you have a very good chance of being successful, as everyone has an idea of what they need to do.

"So it's clear what they are trying to achieve.

"It's not a surprise to me in terms of how they are doing, as they have taken their momentum from last season when they got promoted into this season and I have so much respect for Steve Evans.

"He has been a manager for so many years where he has done an incredible job, and he's doing that again at Stevenage.

"They are a team in form and Steve has done a brilliant job in the time he has been there.

"They've had a good squad for the last couple of years and have recruited well, which includes Nick Freeman from here in the summer.

"They carry big threat up front so we need to be up to the test and make sure we're ready in both in and out of the position."



Bloomfield (top) faces Evans (bottom) for the second time in a month (PA)



It was on another away day (PA)

Phillips and Potts stand out

WYCOMBE Wanderers manager Matt Bloomfield has praised the performances of Killian Phillips and Freddie Potts in the club's 2-1 FA Cup victory over Bradford City.

The former gave the Chairboys the lead on 17 minutes with his first goal for the club since joining on loan from Crystal Palace.

Around 20 minutes later, Potts' brilliant cross was headed into his own net by Sam Stubbs to give Wanderers a two-goal lead.

However, the assist maker would then be substituted at half-time after suffering 'knock'.

Bloomfield said: "Killian was due a goal.

"His performance levels have been very good but all he was missing was a goal.

"Killian puts so much effort and time into improving his game, and we can see that.

"He's quality in the way we take us forward, the way he defends, how he presses as he's a real enabler in our team so fair play to him."

On the performance of Potts, the manager added: "I'm very happy to have him and I'm pleased with the way he conducts himself.

"He has been great too in the way he wins the ball back, the way he goes forward and the way he delivers crosses.

"He took a knock in the first half so we felt responsible that he was looked after in the best way possible."

Up next is Stevenage at home.