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### Sports teacher jailed for sex assaults on young children - but police confirm his pupils were not involved in offences



A FORMER school sports teacher has been jailed for sex offences against young children, some under the age of 13. Jonathan Reynolds was

a sports manager at the Disraeli School, High Wycombe, at the time of his arrest. Police said no offences took place at the school or involved pupils.

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## SPORT

## Helping out after head scare

WYCOMBE Wanderers' Luke Leahy has organised a fundraiser for the South Central Ambulance Charity following his serious head injury earlier this month.

The 31-year-old suffered a concussion in the club's 1-0 home loss against Stevenage on November 11, which resulted in the fixture being halted for nearly 30 minutes.

He was immediately taken to Stoke Mandeville Hospital for treatment, and in his post-match press conference, manager Matt Bloomfield confirmed the ex-Shrewsbury Town and Bristol Rovers player was 'unresponsive'.

Thankfully, Leahy was discharged a day later.

To show his appreciation to the South Central Ambulance Charity, he invited volunteers to the recent home fixture against Reading where he planned a collection.

He has also donated a Wanderers home shirt that has been signed by the Wycombe team.

This will be auctioned off.

Vanessa Casey, Chief Executive at South Central Ambulance Charity, said: "I would like to thank everyone who has already donated to our signed shirt raffle - we are off to a flying start."

"Thank you to Wycombe Wanderers and Luke Leahy for their generosity in inviting us along on Saturday."

"We look forward to seeing everyone at the game."

"Funds raised from the raffle and donations on the day will support our South Central Ambulance Service colleagues and our community first responder volunteers who provide emergency support across our community."

"The money will help make a life-saving difference to our patients."

To be in with a chance to win the signed shirt, simply text WYCOMBE to 70215 and you can choose to donate £1, £5 or £10; each £1 donated counts as one entry into the prize draw. You can also enter the draw for free without donating. More details here: [www.wwfc.com/news/2023/november/21/luke-invites-sca-charity-to-collect-at-reading-game](http://www.wwfc.com/news/2023/november/21/luke-invites-sca-charity-to-collect-at-reading-game).

Leahy, who has played for Falkirk in Scotland, joined the club from Shrewsbury Town this summer for a fee to be around £100,000. He has since scored five goals in 20 appearances, which includes bagging two penalties in the recent 2-2 draw away at Oxford United at the end of October.

# Victories for the men and women



It was another victory for the women's team (Stock photo/Pixabay)

MARLOW dominated the game from the start but found it not easy to create too many clear-cut chances against a massed defence.

After nine minutes Marlow were awarded a penalty corner, the ball was smashed against the post and Josh Morgans was in the right place to put the rebound into the goal.

The game continued in much the same fashion and Cameron Beazley-Clarke scored another opportunist goal when he deflected a shot on goal past the goalkeeper to put Marlow two ahead.

Toby Hill grabbed an opportunist goal, his first of the season, in the 50th minute making it 3-0 to Marlow. Six minutes later the South Berkshire concentration was broken and a 30-yard pass left Josh Covus one one-on-one with the goalkeeper who he rounded to complete a clinical finish to make it four.

Finally, South Berkshire showed some forward-thinking fight, with Marlow showing good defensive strength to repel several attacks.

Marlow were finally broken down by a good passing movement where South Berks were awarded a penalty corner from which they scored in the 58th minute with a clean strike low to the goalkeeper's right - 5-1 Marlow.

Marlow responded quickly and following a counterattack of their own won a penalty corner from which Sam North scored with a direct strike.

The 2nd team were away to Andover 1sts who are second in the league and have only lost one game so far. They were forced to make a number of changes and two young players Ol-

By David Wiltshire

lie Harvey and Matt Raynor had 2nd team debuts. They were up against it from the start and went down 4-0 with two goals for Andover in each half. On Saturday the team will be at home to Maidenhead 1sts at 11.30.

Women's results

Marlow 1sts were away to Maidenhead for a frosty morning match and considered themselves lucky to be able to play on a clear pitch as many other games had to be postponed.

After a goalless first-half, Maidenhead won a penalty corner within minutes of the restart after the half-time break.

There were some outstanding examples of passing hockey and the Reds were rewarded with their own penalty corner in the 49th minute.

Lauren Hilditch equalized with a superb deflection that the Maidenhead defence could do nothing about. Both teams had their share of attacking opportunities with plenty of penalty corners each. Marlow captain Beth Halbard led her team with an immense work rate and belief in the attacking circle and was unlucky not to find herself on the scoresheet with one of her chances narrowly missing the far post.

Martha Goodridge scored her eighth league game of the season with a strike from another penalty corner to give Marlow the lead. The remaining 10 minutes of the game were nail-biting as Maidenhead continued to pursue an equalizer with keeper Alys Ramm having to remain calm whilst making a match-winning stick save from a drag flick.



Stuart Pearce was seen at Risborough Rangers' charity event for Children in Need

## Ex-Manchester City boss spotted in Risborough

A Non League football team in Buckinghamshire took part in a 24-hour match to raise money for a national charity.

Risborough Rangers, which is based in the village of Horsenden, organised the all-day game on Friday, November 17 in aid of BBC Children in Need, where they managed to accumulate £7,000 for the cause.

Taking place at the Community Sports Centre at Princes Risborough School, the 'Riz Footy-thon' saw members from Risborough Rangers' boys, girls, men and ladies squads take part, from the under six's to walking football squad.

And with the event being open to the public, former Manchester City manager Stuart Pearce was spotted in attendance.

The 61-year-old, who also managed the England U21s, as well as Nottingham Forest (the club where he spent most of his playing career), is the ambassador of Pitching In - an initiative to help promote Non League clubs.

Michael Cattle, Chairman of Risborough Rangers Juniors FC said: "It was an absolutely fantastic event to be part of and very proud of all at our Club for coming together and getting involved to help raise funds for Children in Need."



Lewis Wing (pictured playing for Wycombe in March 2023), scored the winner for Reading against Wanderers on November 25 (PA)

## Wing haunts Wanderers

EX-WYCOMBE Wanderers midfielder Lewis Wing has explained why he opted to celebrate against his former club in Reading's away victory over the Chairboys.

The Royals defeated his one-time employers 2-1 at Adams Park which saw the 28-year-old score the winning goal on the stroke of half-time.

It was his third strike of the season, albeit via a huge deflection off centre back Ryan Tafazolli.

After scoring, Wing ran towards a section of Wanderers supporters showing his delight.

During his 18-month spell at Wycombe, he played 63 times

and scored 11 goals.

This included bagging six in eight appearances across January and February this year.

He told the club's website: "I thought I wasn't going to celebrate today [November 25] if I scored but because they were giving me a bit of grief, I thought I would give it to them back, and I'm buzzing.

"I don't care how it went in as long as it goes in, it got us the win at the end of the day, it was the first one in a while, so it was a nice one.

"I think in recent weeks we have been doing well in games but we just haven't been able to see the goal out so doing it today was fantastic.

## Alan Parry's Previews: Are we in crisis mode?



Focus on the FA Cup (PA)

WYCOMBE'S mid-season crisis continues with just one win in their last nine league games, and from being play-off contenders a few weeks ago they are now dangerously close to the relegation places.

A dreadful performance against Reading was followed by an unfortunate midweek defeat at Barnsley, where a howler by Max Stryjek led to a goal that should have been ruled out for a foul on the goalkeeper.

Nothing is going right for the Chairboys in League One, so the visit of Morecambe in the FA Cup on Saturday, December 2 provides a welcome distraction.

The winners have the added incentive of a potentially lucrative tie against a Premier League club in the next round.

Although Wycombe have a superior overall record against Saturday's opponents, Morecambe have been a thorn in their side in recent fixtures with Wanderers winning only one of the last seven meetings.

On their last visit to Adams Park just over a year ago, Morecambe scored a hotly disputed late equaliser after Chris Forino has given Wycombe the lead.

In the return game in April, a Morecambe team that had gone ten games without a win beat Wycombe 1-0 with Cole Stockton scoring a last-minute winner that effectively ended Wanderers' chances of reaching the League One play-offs.

It was one of seven goals that Stockton netted in his side's last four games of the campaign, but his scoring feats could not prevent them being relegated after two seasons in League One.

They have struggled for form in the bottom division and manager Derek Adams, an unpopular figure among Wycombe fans, departed earlier this month for a third spell in charge of Scottish club Ross County.

Former player Ged Brannan was appointed as Morecambe's caretaker manager, and he got off to the worst possible start with a 6-0 thrashing at Wrexham.

He described it as the worst moment of his career and apologised to the fans.

They also lost in midweek at home to Newport County, so confidence is low in both camps ahead of their meeting at Adams Park.

# Reflecting on crazy ending at Barnsley



Matt Bloomfield's side have now not won in their last seven league matches - a run that dates back to October 7 (PA)

WYCOMBE Wanderers manager Matt Bloomfield has reacted to his side's 1-0 away loss against Barnsley, which was the club's seventh league game without a victory.

An injury-time winner from Sam Cosgrove via a horrendous error by Max Stryjek gifted the Tykes all three points.

Additionally, Wanderers' Harry Boyes was shown a red card in the latter stages of the contest, which was the club's first sending-off since September 2022.

Bloomfield, who wanted a reaction from the club's passive defeat to bottom-of-the-table Reading on Saturday, said: "Our players put so much into that performance, coming off the back of a disappointing result at the weekend.

"The lad showed their character as they bounced back tonight [November 28].

The gaffer elected to focus on the positives from Wycombe's defensive display but couldn't help but feel Wanderers might've claimed maximum points on another day.

He added: "We rode a storm midway through the second half, where Barnsley had a few chances, but we made some changes and it looked like us that might come away with three points."

Despite his pride in his side's performance, he admitted that the way his team conceded the only goal of the game was "extremely disappointing".

By George Gutteridge

Max Stryjek lost control of the ball in his penalty area under pressure from Barnsley striker Sam Cosgrove, dropping the ball after falling to the ground via a soft challenge.

"We had a couple of moments ourselves, but then to finish the game like that, it's really disappointing."

He concluded by reaffirming his commitment to the cause, inspired once again by the work rate and effort of the team he's put together.

"I'm here to fight, I believe in the work that we're doing, I believe in this group of players [and] I believe we've still got a hell of a chance of doing something this season."

Bloomfield and his team now turn their attention to this weekend's FA Cup game at home to Morecambe, with a place in round three of the competition up for grabs for the winner.

Wycombe's December:

Dec 2: Morecambe (H)

Dec 4: Fulham U21 (H)

Dec 9: Shrewsbury (H)

Dec 16: Derby (A)

Dec 23: Port Vale (H)

Dec 26: Exeter (A)

Dec 29: Leyton Orient (A)

To read more about the latest Wycombe Wanderers news, go to [www.bucksfreepress.co.uk/sport](http://www.bucksfreepress.co.uk/sport) or follow @James\_BFP or @theWycombeWay on X (formerly known as Twitter).

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The boss was not happy with his team's defending (PA)

## 'Poor defending' cost Bloomfield's side the points against neighbours

WYCOMBE Wanderers manager Matt Bloomfield has described his side's performance in the 2-1 home loss against Reading as 'very poor'.

The Chairboys dropped to the bottom half of the League One table as the Royals secured their first league win on the road in over 12 months.

The visitors took the lead on the half-hour mark through Sam Smith's fourth goal in as many games, following some very questionable defending by the Wanderers backline.

Wycombe responded almost instantly through a fantastic strike by Killian Phillips, which was his first goal at Adams Park

since his move from Crystal Palace.

However, on the stroke of half-time, Lewis Wing's deflected shot off Ryan Tafazolli gave the ex-Premier League club all three points – their first away league triumph since November 12, 2022.

Bloomfield said: "I was disappointed in the quality

of our play, how we conceded both goals, and I usually say how proud I am of the performance but not today [November 25].

"We didn't perform in the manner that I wanted us to do as we were poor.

"Very poor.

"You're not going to win games in the manner of how we conceded.

# Not much luck for the Chairboys

WYCOMBE Wanderers manager Matt Bloomfield believes that several refereeing 'decisions' have gone against the club in recent weeks.

Speaking ahead of the Chairboys' home FA Cup tie against League Two Morecambe on Saturday afternoon, the club are currently winless in their last seven league outings, which includes losing 1-0 to Barnsley on Tuesday night thanks to controversial strike in injury-time.

The goal, which came from an alleged shove by Tykes forward Sam Stryjek, on goalkeeper Max Stryjek, has been considered as one of the many decisions that have not been given in favour of the Chairboys.

Bloomfield told the press: "I think we've had plenty of decisions go against us this season.

"Going back to the Portsmouth game [on October 3] where we were told that one of their players should have been sent off, then the foul that led to their goal in the 98th minute.

"Of course, we had the Stevenage situation [on November 11], where I have had confirmation that one of their players should have been red carded but wasn't.

"You're going to get decisions go for you and some that won't.

"But you just need to hope that the big decisions don't go against you but ultimately, we've have a few go against us.

"The PGMOL [Professional Game Match Officials Limited] have confirmed that to us, so, it's part of the challenge that we face.

"But you can only relay on

By James Richings

what you can bring on a match-day.

"And if you work hard enough then the luckier you become, and this could help with our results."

Since Wycombe's 4-1 away demolition of Fleetwood Town on October 7, Wanderers have only won three matches in that time, which each of those triumphs all coming in cup competitions.

They included two 1-0 victories over Stevenage and AFC Wimbledon in the EFL Trophy, and a 2-1 win against Bradford City in the FA Cup respectively.

And with the Adams Park side in cup action in their next two fixtures, Bloomfield hopes his squad can put in a performance worthy of a win.

Wycombe have not progressed to the third round of the FA Cup since the 2017/18 season, when they lost 5-1 at home to Preston North End.

He concluded: "There is never a bad time to play in a FA Cup tie and it's great to be part of this competition.

"I'm really looking forward to it as I really want to get into third round, and we'll approach the match with Morecambe with energy and enthusiasm.

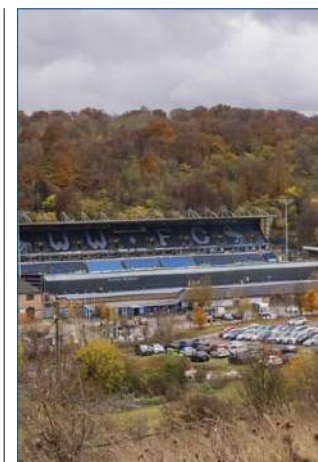
"We want to win – it's a simple as that.

"We've had wins against Stevenage and AFC Wimbledon in the EFL Trophy and Bradford in the FA Cup, which have come in this winless run in the league.

"This is a huge opportunity for us."



Matt Bloomfield's last three wins have all come in the cup (PA)



It was Phillips' first goal at AP (PA)

## Praise for Phillips in home loss

WYCOMBE Wanderers manager Matt Bloomfield has praised the performance of Killian Phillips in the 2-1 home loss against Reading.

The 21-year-old scored the Chairboys' equaliser in the defeat on November 25, just two minutes after the Royals went ahead thanks to a Sam Smith strike.

It was the young Irishman's first goal at Adams Park since joining on loan from Crystal Palace.

Bloomfield said: "He plays with such energy, drive and passion and he has a lot of that in his life.

"His goal was brilliant, very well-taken and it was great to see.

"We're happy to have him here and he'll have a great career."

Finally, the boss also thanked the fans who arrived at Adams Park in what was the club's highest-attended home game of the season so far.

He concluded: "They were incredible. I feel delated those guys as they weren't able to leave today celebrating a local derby day win.

"It hurts, it hurts a lot as they were so loud."