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Couple living in car plead for shelter

Sleepless nights and snacking on junk foods after rift with relative

A HOMELESS couple living in their car have called for Buckinghamshire Council to urgently help them find a home.

Emil Tosnar, 39, and Julie Clifford, 49, have been homeless since December 18, parking each night in a different spot and sleeping in the reclined front seats of their vehicle.

"I just need a bed," said Julie, "I can't take much more. I don't know how much longer I can do it."

The couple, both from High Wycombe, were living with Emil's elderly father, but say they were forced to leave after the relationship with him broke

By Charlie Smith

down. The couple, who say they have been verified as homeless twice, are spending most of their benefit payments on petrol and food.

The boot of their car is stuffed with clothes, blankets and other belongings.

"It is freezing at nighttime," Julie added, "So, so cold. You can't get warm no matter what. I'm crying in the night."

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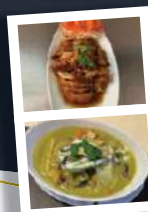
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Sport

HOCKEY: WEEKLY MARLOW RESULTS REPORT

How did the women's team do last week?

MARLOW'S 1st team played local team Amersham and Chalfont at Pound Lane. The visitors had a stronger start and scored through a superb piece of individual skill. Just minutes later Marlow equalised through Martha Goodridge.

Marlow started to dominate possession and Lauren Hilditch put the Reds ahead in the 26th minute.

Marlow keeper Alys Ramm had to keep her concentration, making a great save to deny

A&C. Vic Allen scored Marlow's third in the 30th minute to take the home side into halftime 3-1 up.

Colette Fitzpatrick scored her first of the game shortly after half time and minutes later Vic Allen powered the ball into the back of the net following a selfless pass from Goodridge.

Goodridge scored her second of the game in the 62nd minute to make the score 6-1.

Marlow's seventh and final goal came from an incredible run from

defender Mabel Daw which Fitzpatrick got on the end of in the closing minutes of the game.

This was a fantastic team performance with lots of well-worked team goals.

The 2nd team were away to Winchestrs 1sts and lost 3-1.

Other women's results 3rd team beat Milton Keynes 2 2-0 away. 5s beat Newbury & Thatcham 4 3-0, 6s lost 5-0 to Newbury & Thatcham 3 5-0 away, 7s lost 5-1 to Reading 7



It was an entertaining game against Amersham last weekend

HOCKEY: MEN'S

How did the men's team do?

AND continuing on from the women's team, here is how the men's team in Marlow did last weekend.

The men's 1st team were at Southampton against Trojans and within 3 minutes Chris Sewell scored with an incredible overhead volley from a rebound.

Trojans were young and fit and taking advantage of some lax defending scored three goals without reply.

Marlow came back through Mark Lowden and Josh Morgans levelled the score just before halftime.

Although Marlow by then seemed to be controlling the game it was Trojans who scored next but then Chris Sewell repeated his first overhead effort to make it 4-4. Still, Trojans were not done and scored again but Marlow came back and scored twice in the last few minutes through captain Sam North from a penalty corner and Isaac Maddern.

An exciting end and the final score was 6-5 to Marlow

The 2nd team played top-of-the-table Basingstoke 1st away and hoping to upset the home team's unbeaten record.

The first half was an even tussle with Basingstoke converting a short corner with a drag flick.

Despite being one down, Marlow's confidence was high and opened the second half with some fine link-up play involving Johnny Mee, Joe Hoggan, and Lloyd Francis to finish and even the score.

Some well-drilled clinical attacking play earned Marlow several corners in the second half.

One of which involved a firm hit from Dave Harding, which deflected above the keeper's head, to be volleyed in by Alex Land.

With Basingstoke feeling the prospect of losing their first game this season, the game evolved into counter-attack hockey, with possession frequently changing. Johnny Mee took on the whole Basingstoke defence alongside Alex Land, who put it in the goal, making the score 3-1 score to Marlow who were happy with 3 more points.

Other men's results. 3rd team drew 1-1 with Oxford Hawks 3 away, 4s beat Berkhamsted & Hemel Hempstead 2 4-0

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WANDERERS WOMEN DEFEATED ON THE ROAD

Beaten by the beach as the Chairgirls lose at Eastleigh

WYCOMBE Wanderers Women suffered a defeat on the South Coast as they lost 2-1 away at Eastleigh.

The Chairgirls offered opportunity to open the scoreline with two convincing chances from Kine Emma and player of the match, Emma Kern.

The first opportunity followed Wycombe Under 23s player, Ammara Qureshi, regaining possession from the hosts before laying the ball down the left to find Kern, whose cross back into the box to Qureshi was cut back to Andersen 18-yards out, but her subsequent shot was sent just wide of the target.

Minutes later Kern's attempt to get the visitors ahead with a shot from the left of the box, assisted by a long ball from Ashleigh Harte, swept past the far post.

A flurry of three goals in 5 minutes from both sides came towards the closing end of the first half, with the hosts gaining two on the Chairgirls.

Eastleigh's first followed a strike down the middle of the box rattling between both posts before heading past the line.

The hosts doubled their lead minutes later with a looping hit off the back of a freekick in the 38th minute.

Looking to get back on level terms, Wycombe halved the deficit with a stunning goal courtesy of Under 23s player, Mia Parkin, who earned her first, first team goal.

Assisted by a long ball from Emma Newberry down the right line, Parkin's long-range strike from the right corner slotted seamlessly in the far post.

The first half ended with Eastleigh one up on the Wanderers, proving the final 45 to be vital in

By Darcie Panayiotou

the Chairgirls' search for points.

In need of an equaliser in the second half, the Chairgirls orchestrated various chances throughout the remaining 45 minutes, with compelling opportunities just falling short of hitting the target.

Molly Carter was closest to levelling the score line in the dying minute of the game, as her powerful strike from 30-yards out ricocheted off of the cross bar.

Despite not finding the back of the net, Wycombe displayed a strong defensive performance within the second half, keeping the hosts at bay and denying them from adding to their tally.

Emma Newberry and Emily McCartney's quick defensive thinking shut down an Eastleigh attack on an open goal, as they regained possession from a dangerous position and sent the ball out to safety to maintain the 2-1 score.

Chairgirls manager, Carl Simon, commented on the defeat, stating; "We did everything we could to score today, but it wasn't meant to be.

"I'm very proud of the players stepping up from the Under 23s, Ammara Qureshi, Erin Patterson and Mia Parkin from the Under 18s who acquitted themselves very well.

"Player of the match was Emma Kern who worked tirelessly on the left wing and provided some of our best attacking moments."

The Chairgirls are back in action at Burnham next Sunday, as they are set to face Eastleigh on the double, but this time in the League Cup where they look to progress to the next round of the competition.



Wanderers tasted defeated on the road as they lost to Eastleigh (PA)

KITS GET NEW HOMES

New homes in Ghana after kind donation



The kits are now in Ghana following a recent donation

NUMEROUS kits that were used by the Wycombe Wanderers Women's team have found themselves a new home in Africa.

The unneeded 2020/21 and 2021/22 home kits were sent out to Ghana and will be worn by Naajoe Royals FC, who have decided to adopt the light and dark blue quarters.

The shirts and socks were collected at the end of November 2023 along with other items of clothing from Burnham FC.

This is due to the Chairgirls ground sharing at the Non League side.

All the shirts were donated through Kit Aid, a not-for-profit organisation that sends unneeded tops to some of the world's poorest nations.

It is not the first time that several Wanderers kits have found themselves in the hands of Kit Aid.

In March 2022, numerous Wycombe shirts dating back to the early 1990s were donated.

And after the Bucks Free press made the Chairboys fans aware of this, a charity auction took place to raise money for the cause.

In all, around £1,100 was donated through the event with all the proceeds going towards the cause.

The cause was founded in 1998 and in 2023, the Hertfordshire-based charity sent their one millionth item of clothing overseas.

They conduct monthly shirt sorting events at their site in Hatfield, with their next event being on January 27.

AP'S PREVIEWS

A must win on Saturday

THE visit of struggling Fleetwood Town on Saturday, January 27 provides the perfect opportunity for Wycombe to get their dismal home record back on track.

Wanderers have won only four of their thirteen league games at Adams Park this season, but they are favourites to beat Fleetwood who they defeated 4-1 in Lancashire in October, their biggest win of the campaign.

Fleetwood, now managed by former Scotland international and Premier League star Charlie Adam, are on a dreadful run of 13 games without a win in all competitions including five successive defeats.

The Chairboys have an excellent record against them with just one defeat in the last eleven meetings, although five of those games were drawn.

This latest encounter looks likely to attract one of the lowest home attendances of the season with average crowds down by almost one thousand from the 5,753 of the previous campaign.

The last home game against Lincoln City was watched by just 4,470 spectators, the lowest crowd of the day in League One and fewer than seven attendances in League Two.

Poor results, the cost-of-living crisis, games switched from Saturday afternoon to midweek etc, are all valid factors in the decline, but does it fully explain the apparent apathy of the town towards its local club?

Wanderers have achieved remarkable success in their thirty years in the EFL, but they are constantly fighting against the odds in a league consisting of clubs with a much bigger supporter base.

There is a direct correlation between a team's position in the table and the number of fans who pay to watch them play. Higher attendances mean greater spending power and the ability to attract and recruit better players.

The current top three in League One also lead the way for highest attendances, and in the twenty years since League One was formed, fifty-six clubs have been promoted to the Championship with only three of them having smaller home crowds than Wycombe.

Unless more people in the area show their support by attending games, owner Rob Couhig's pledge to make Wanderers financially sustainable looks increasingly difficult to achieve.

WIGAN ATHLETIC 1-0 WYCOMBE WANDERERS

Heartbreak at the death as Wanderers lose at Wigan

WYCOMBE Wanderers conceded a 120th minute goal as they fell to a cruel 1-0 away defeat against Wigan Athletic.

Charlie Hughes, who has been on the books at both Manchester City and Liverpool prior to his move to the Latics, hooked his acrobatic effort beyond Max Stryjek to succumb the Adams Park side to their 11th league loss of the season.

Wanderers started strong, with Kieran Sadlier fashioning a good chance for Sam Vokes, cutting

back into his strong right foot and whipping in a good cross, but the Welshman would miss the header.

The first major chances came in the 28th minute, as a smart cross by Humphrys missed Charlie Wyke, whilst a follow up shot went wide.

Quickly, Steven Sessegnon would attack up the right hand side, delivering a vicious cross that curled over the heads of any attacking Wigan players.

Wycombe responded as Vokes pounced on a poor back pass to go

one on one with Sam Tickle, who came out quickly and sent the ball into the stands.

The second period saw Chem Campbell make his second Wanderers debut after he replaced an injured Garath McCleary, before the match was paused for nearly 20 minutes.

Referee Adam Herczeg took a blow to the head before being replaced by fourth official, Steven Rushton.

Play resumed and the game opened up as Luke Leahy's effort deflected in off Kieran Sadlier, but was given as offside, whilst Sessegnon had arguably the best chance of the contest, but his one-on-one with Max Stryjek went wide, but in 120th minute of the contest, Hughes' strike would Wigan all three points.

It's the ninth time that Wycombe have conceded an injury-time strike this league season, and their fourth this calendar year.

The result also ended Wanderers' unbeaten start to 2024, whilst also making it just one league victory in 16 league games.



It was a late defeat at the DW as Wycombe made it one win in 16 league matches (PA)

1. Stryjek
2. Grimmer
6. Tafazolli
10. Leahy
17. Low
7. Wheeler
12. McCleary
19. Potts

23. Sadlier
 9. Vokes
 20. Taylor
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Campbell,
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Kodua

Can we see a return for Ikpeazu this month?

WYCOMBE Wanderers are reportedly interested in re-signing former striker Uche Ikpeazu from League One rivals Port Vale.

The Ugandan forward, who spent the 2020/21 season at Adams Park when the Chairboys were in the Championship, has scored one goal in 17 appearances for the Valiants after he re-joined the Staffordshire-based team in the autumn, following the termination of his contract at the Turkish side, Kon-

yaspor.

However, if Wanderers want to secure the services of the 27-year-old, they will need to fend off competition from fellow third-tier club, Charlton Athletic, according to Sky Sports.

It's not the first that the forward has been linked with a move back to Buckinghamshire, as he was reportedly increasingly close to signing a contract with Wycombe in the summer.

His trainer also teased via social media that a potential return was on the cards.

However, no transfer materialised and he opted to sign for Port Vale, where he had a brief spell during the 2015/16 season, where he scored six goals in 28 matches in all competitions.

This is the fourth consecutive transfer window that Ikpeazu has been linked with a move back to Wycombe.

He scored six goals in 33 matches during his only season at Adams Park.

Ikpeazu has also played for Heart of Midlothian, Cardiff City, Middlesbrough, Cambridge United, Crewe Alexandra, Blackpool and Doncaster Rovers.

He began his career with Reading but didn't make a first-team appearance for the Royals before moving to Watford. He also played for Didcot Town in the Non League.

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Striker returns home ending stint at Adams Park



Tjay De Barr played just short of 50 games for Wycombe (PA)

WYCOMBE Wanderers have confirmed the departure of striker Tjay De Barr.

The 23-year-old Gibraltarian has re-signed for Lincoln Red Imps, the side that sold him to the Chairboys, subject to the necessary paperwork being finalised.

He joined the Adams Park side in 2021 and scored on his debut in a 2-2 draw away at Stevenage in the second round of the League Cup.

His last-minute equaliser sent the tie to extra time and after scoring

the winning goal in the subsequent penalty shootout, his heroics would ultimately lead Wycombe to a third round tie against then-holders of the competition, Manchester City.

A brief loan spell to Non League Eastleigh followed that campaign, before more regular appearances during the 2022/23 season followed.

He would go on to feature 22 times for Wycombe that season, in which he scored he scored his first league strike for the club in a 2-1

loss away at Burton Albion.

However, injuries, a loss of form and sporadic appearances have been a common feature for the Gibraltar international, who played 15 times this campaign.

His last appearance in a Wanderers shirt came in the 3-2 home victory against the Fulham U21s in the EFL Trophy on December 5.

A statement on the Lincoln Red Imps website reads: "Tjay came through our youth ranks before leaving in 2019 and would later

rejoin in a year later.

"His potential continued to shine through which caught the eye of the League One side in 2021.

"An important experience as he continues his footballing journey with his boyhood club and welcome him back with open arms.

"With our next game this Sunday, Tjay will be eager to get into the squad.

"We would like to thank Wycombe for allowing this transfer to go through and wish them the very best this season."

Remaining positive in difficult circumstances

WYCOMBE Wanderers manager Matt Bloomfield has admitted that the coach home from Wigan on Tuesday 'was quiet', but insists things will improve.

A 120th minute goal from Charlie Hughes in their fixture against the Latics on Tuesday succumbed the Adams Park side to a 1-0 loss, as they conceded their ninth injury-time goal this league season.

It was also their fourth since New Year's Day.

It means Wycombe have now only picked up one victory in their last 16 league outings since October, but Bloomfield wants to look at the positives.

He told the Free Press: "The bus was quiet when we left Wigan but we're picking ourselves up.

"We were in training today [January 25] and everyone's fine.

"The boys know that a lot of the performances recently have been very good and if we can focus on that, and cut out the late goals, then we know we're not too far away.

"We can only focus on the things that we can affect and going into Saturday, we need to make sure that our performance levels are high.

"That can really help us.

"If we focus too much about the negatives, then we'll forget about the things which we're good at that can help us.

"There has to be an allowance and understanding as we know we can be better, but we need to keep on doing the things we're doing well recently.

"We've seen recently that a lot of the games have been in our favour, so we know that we're heading in the right direction.

"I understand that it's frustrating for people to here, but we get

By James Richings

judged on the final score.

"We're doing a lot of stuff that's helping us go in the right direction and we need to be positive about that and that's with our performance levels."

Up next for Wycombe is a home match against Fleetwood Town who are currently rooted to the bottom of the League One table.

The Cod Army recently appointed ex-Liverpool, Blackpool and Stoke City man Charlie Adam as their new manager.

He is their third boss of the season following the stints of Scott Brown and Lee Johnson, but Adam has found life tough in the dugout so far, as he has lost all four games in charge since being handed the role on New Year's Eve.

It's the Scotsman's first managerial role.

He was previously the loan's manager at Premier League Burnley.

Bloomfield added: "[The late defeats] are tough to take because without those late goals, our season would look a lot different.

"At the moment, these late goals are having a big impact on our season.

"If we can correct the last few moments of the game, then we'll have a big opportunity to improve.

"We are playing well, but need to address the late goals as soon as we can.

"We know we've got a tough game against Fleetwood on Saturday, so we need to be ready."

Wanderers currently sit 17th in the table.



Matt Bloomfield is remaining upbeat despite another late defeat for Wycombe this season - they lie 17th in the table (PA)

Business isn't over for the Chairboys?

WYCOMBE Wanderers manager Matt Bloomfield has revealed that a 'potential new face' could join the club ahead of the transfer window's conclusion.

The Chairboys have so far signed three players this month in Richard Kone, Gideon Kodua and Chemp Campbell, whilst Richard Keogh, Tjay De Barr and Lyle Taylor have departed respectively.

Defensive midfielder Taylor Clark, goalkeeper Laurence Shala, striker D'Mani Mellor and left-back Declan Skura have also exited Adams Park this January, but on loan deals to Non League clubs.

When asked if the pending result against Fleetwood Town this Saturday could change his plans in the transfer market, Bloomfield said: "No, but a potential new face could arrive before the end of the window.

"The result on Saturday won't change my plans and we'll try and execute them the best possible way I can.

"I don't think we can just be reactive of one result.

"We've had a number of months to look at what we have a possibly don't have, and we'll and do the best we can before the end of the window.

"There's a lot of work that goes on behind the scenes, so we'll see what happens."

The 39-year-old was also asked about the potential re-signing of striker Uche Ikpazu.

The forward is at Port Vale, and has been linked with a move back to Adams Park.

He was due to face the Chairboys last weekend, but Vale's match against Wanderers was postponed due to a frozen pitch.

Bloomfield said: "Uche's someone who I think highly off.

"I got on really well with him when we were teammates and he's someone who I think extremely highly of.

"I'm not here to comment on individuals as I don't think that's right, but I really rate him and he's a good player."

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