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## SPORT

Cycling to work due to fuel crisis



Adams Park

WYCOMBE manager Gareth Ainsworth was forced to cycle 20 miles to his club's training ground due to the fuel shortages.

Ainsworth got on his bike and travelled through the rain from his home in Finchampstead, Berkshire, to arrive on time as the UK has seen long queues and shortages at petrol stations.

Speaking of his way into work, and on the supporters that made to trip to Shrewsbury on Tuesday night when the crisis began, he said: "I'm trying to do my bit to save a bit of petrol, and I take my hat off to them all [the fans]."

"Not because it's a Tuesday night away at Shrewsbury, because we got back at 3am, but we have Wednesday off and can sleep in."

"Some of those fans would have gone into work and not just go to work, but, try and find some petrol/diesel as well."

"The passion that they show for this side is something that we want to show on the pitch, as we care and my boys thank them for all their support."

"The fans all motivate me so thank you very much."

## Horgan is the hero for Wanderers

WYCOMBE boss Gareth Ainsworth has praised Daryl Horgan after the 4-3 win over Morecambe.

The Irishman scored the first to start the comeback for the Chairboys, with his first league goal for the club and his first since his debut last September.

It was also his competitive goal at Adams Park.

Finally, on Horgan, he added: "I'm really pleased for Daz."

"We have tried to get him in positions so that he can score, as he has been very close and he is a cracking player."

"I'm so proud of this team." Up next for Wycombe is a home match against Gillingham on October 9, but this could be moved due to the international break.

# Ainsworth's analysis on Morecambe win

By James Richings

WYCOMBE boss Gareth Ainsworth admitted that 'there a few choice words' during the half-time break as Wanderers came back from behind to beat Morecambe 4-3 at Adams Park.

Goals from Daryl Horgan, Sam Vokes, Joe Jacobson and an injury-time winner from Curtis Thompson, saw the Chairboys come from 2-0 down to lead 3-2 before the visitors pulled a goal from in the last 10 minutes.

But Thompson's injury-time strike gave Wycombe their sixth win in a row at Adams Park.

The stunning second half display was the complete opposite in what was a poor opening half for the home side, and speaking after the topsy-turvy game in South Bucks, the boss said: "There were a few choice words at half-time but nothing too crazy."

"We weren't good first-half."

"One of the goals we conceded in the first half was our own doing and another is Morecambe's good play, but, we pointed out these dangers."

"Maybe the pitch wasn't great due to the weather, the touch wasn't there, and the basics were not there and the formation didn't work, which is on me."

"So we had a formation change at half-time to try and get more players on the ball as that is fundamental for us, as that is what we live off as footballers."

"And it worked as we scored four goals in the second half."

"We were poor first half and they weren't, but with the second half, I am proud that the boys responded."

All four goals were scored in the Whites Beaconsfield Terrace end and when Thompson bagged his first of the season in the dying embers of the game, and his first for nearly three years, Adams Park erupted.

The bench were off their feet, players collapsed to the ground and the noise was deafening."

It was a brilliant display from Ainsworth's men as they move up to fifth in the table.



Wycombe Wanderers boss Gareth Ainsworth admitted that his side were not good enough in the opening half, but made up for it with a stunning second half comeback, to make it six home wins in a row (PA)

The game also saw Horgan score his first league goal for the club since he joined last season, as well as Vokes' first goal since August and Joe Jacobson's first home strike since January.

Ainsworth continued: "What a finish in front of the terrace end and those fans in that end get some action as they get some unavailable entertainment."

"It was a real team performance and

these are special times at a very special place."

"And probably, today was a kick up the backside with a victory."

"The likes of Matt Bloomfield, Curtis Thompson, Dom Gape and Adebayo Akinfenwa have all been involved in these sorts of games, but the others haven't, but that feeling is ingrained into this squad and you can feel it around the

ground."

"It was a bit of relief at the end but it was also elation because these players will run through a brick wall for me."

"You've got people like Sam Vokes who was celebrating at the end with me, and he's played Premier League football and international football at the Euros, so if he can celebrate like that at Wycombe, we all can."



Ainsworth praised the Morecambe fans after the 4-3 defeat (PA)

## Boss' kind message to devastated away fans

WYCOMBE boss Gareth Ainsworth praised the Morecambe fans that made the trip down to Adams Park on Saturday.

Despite taking a 2-0 lead, the Shrimps lost 4-3 with Curtis Thompson bagging an injury-time winner to keep Wanderers in the play-off places.

The round trip of 456 miles will be a bitter one to take for the travelling Shrimp army, but the boss was complimentary of their support.

Ainsworth said: "The Morecambe

fans were superb along with the Morecambe team."

"They have legendary support."

"I know that being at the bottom of League Two when we were, we where this small club at the away fans were vital for us, and they got us through some times."

"Morecambe's fans were brilliant."

"They sang, they got behind the team and I made a special point in going over to see them afterwards because it is a long way to come and I think they will be OK in League, but I

am pleased the day belonged to us."

Wycombe have now beaten Morecambe 10 times in the 19

matches they have played each other. The two sides will face each other again on Saturday, January 22, 2022 at Morecambe's Mazuma Stadium, which has been the home of the Shrimps since the 2010/11 season. It'll be Wanderers' first visit to the stadium since November 2017, when they lost 2-1 in Lancashire.

Steven Old and Adam McGurk scored for Morecambe.





Wycombe midfielder Curtis Thompson got the winner with a last minute strike against Morecambe on Saturday - nearly three years since his last goal (PA)

# Curtis ends goalless run

WYCOMBE midfielder Curtis Thompson has thanked his manager for his 'positivity', as Wanderers came back from behind to beat Morecambe 4-3 at Adams Park.

He said: "I'm delighted to be back on the scoresheet as it has been a long time coming and to get the three points, what a special feeling.

"We started off very slow today but we knew that they were going to be at us so fair play to Morecambe, but we knew going into the second half that we had to step up.

"At half-time, the gaffer had a little go at us which was

expected because we know we have got better standards than what we put out in the first half, so we knew we had to put things right.

"The belief was there but we just needed to be on our game.

"We have got players that will work for each other and we give 100 per cent each game and I think that plays a huge part.

"The gaffer drills in a lot of positivity into us every day and the belief is there."

The last minute strike has put Wycombe fifth in the table, in what was Thompson's second ever goal for the club.

# Boss on the fans after EFL Trophy defeat



Stadium: MK (PA)

WYCOMBE Wanderers manager Gareth Ainsworth has praised the Chairboys' fans commitment following their 2-1 loss against MK Dons in the Papa John's Trophy.

The defeat has seen the Adams Park outfit be eliminated from the competition, but out of the 1,300 supporters that made the trip to Stadium: MK on October 5, a couple of hundred trekked from South Bucks to cheer the Chairboys on.

Speaking after the match, he said: "It's the Papa John's Trophy, we're in a fuel crisis, it's a worknight/school night and I honestly hope the fans are buoyed by that performance.

"I hope they can see what we're trying to do at Wycombe.

"The result isn't everything, believe me.

"I have learned a lot tonight about myself, MK Dons, my players, and trust us.

"We have got plans in place to take this club to the higher echelons of the leagues.

"And I take my hat off to them as they have been awesome all season."

Up next for Wycombe is Gillingham at home on Saturday.

# Adams Park is one of the best in Britain



Adams Park has been the home of Wycombe Wanderers since 1990 after they left Loakes Park (PA Media)

FOURFOURTWO magazine have named Adams Park in their list of the 100 greatest grounds in Britain.

The list takes into account the matchday experience, the history, the surrounding locations, the atmosphere and the way end.

Wycombe Wanderers home ground ranked 25th on the list and got special marks for its away end and for the outstanding countryside that surrounds the ground.

This is how the magazine describes Adams Park: "Although the approach is through an ugly industrial estate, the ground is flanked on its remaining three sides by opening countryside and woodland.

"If the on-field action gets too dull, simply gaze skywards to watch the resident red kites circle overhead."

Wycombe moved into the stadium in time for the 1990/91 season with the ground being named in honour of benefactor and former captain Frank Adams.

Adams had bought the former ground Loakes Park for the club and the sale of that ground financed the move to the stadium named after him.

The ground is located in a valley at the end of the Sands Industrial Estate, surrounded by green hills on three sides whereas Loakes Park was very close to the town centre.

By Robert Folker

In 2011, Steve Hayes, who owned both Wycombe Wanderers F.C. and London Wasps R.U.F.C announced his intentions to build a new stadium for both clubs on the site of Wycombe Air Park in Booker near the Chairboys current training facility.

However, the plans saw large opposition from community groups with concerns such as the loss of aeronautical activity at the air park to green belt development.

There were also objections by many Wycombe Wanderers supporters and Wycombe Wanderers Supporters' Trust who believed the club would not receive the proceeds of the sale of Adams Park but that these would go to Steve Hayes to help finance a 20,000-capacity stadium in conjunction with Wycombe District Council that would then be rented to Wycombe Wanderers.

The plans were abandoned in July 2011 when Wycombe District Council decided to end its support of the project in the face of increased scepticism about the viability of the project.

Since then it has been relatively quiet on the new stadium front as Rob Couhig has looked to improve the matchday experience at Adams Park by investigating in the infrastructures around the ground.

The ground certainly catches the eye due to its picturesque location and FourFourTwo believe its worth of being named among some the most well-known grounds in world football.

# Kaikai bags first goal for Sierra Leone

WYCOMBE winger Sullay Kaikai has scored his first international goal for Sierra Leone.

The 26-year-old, who joined Wanderers on a two-year-deal this summer from Blackpool, bagged his inaugural strike in a 1-1 friendly draw with South Sudan in Casablanca in the early hours of October 6.

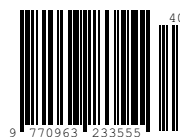
Since signing for the Chairboys, Kaikai has played 10 games for the club but has failed to score.

He has however got three assists to his name so far this campaign.

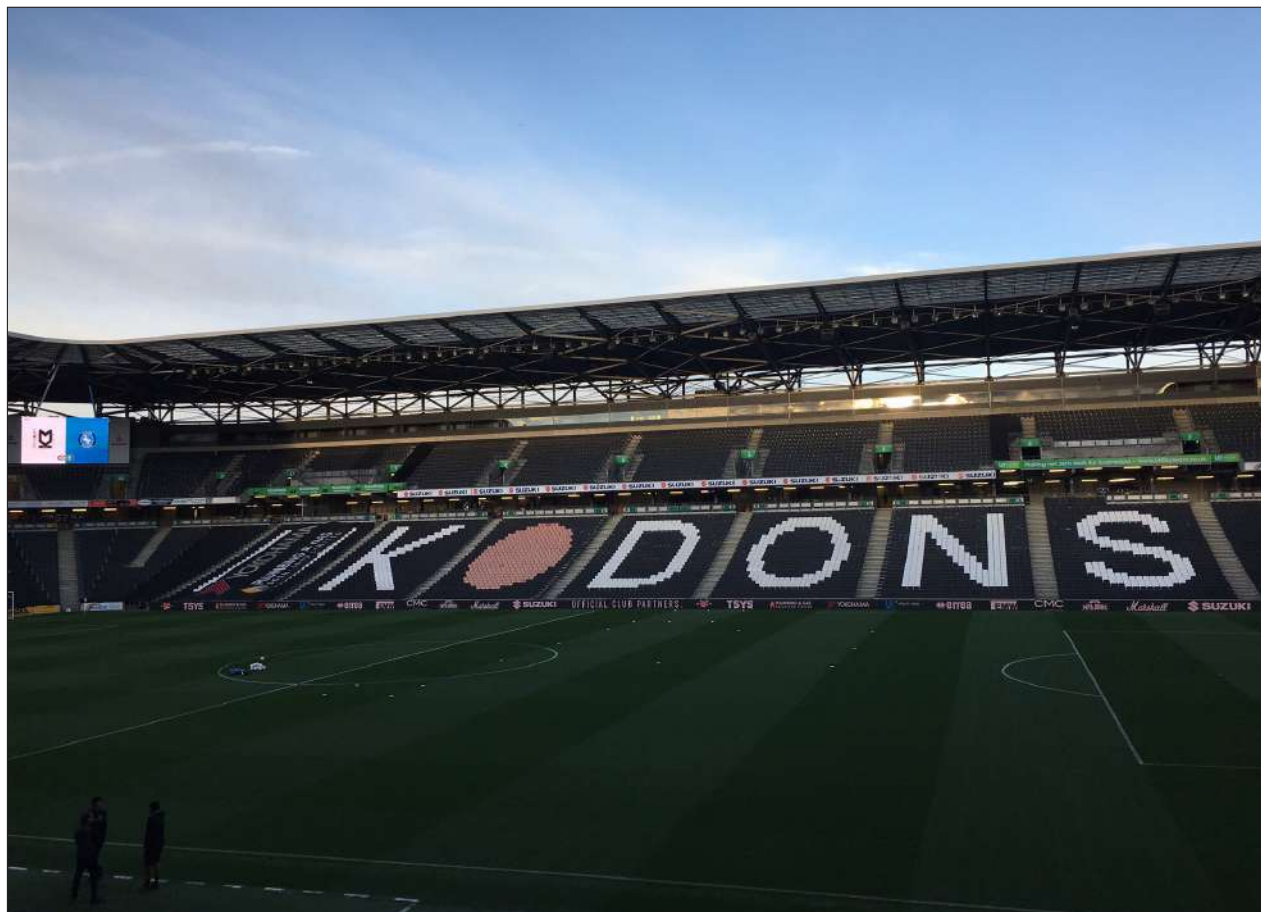
The 26-year-old started his career off at Crystal Palace and played three PL games for the Eagles.

# SPORT

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## EFL Trophy hopes over following loss



For the second time in 10 days, Wycombe travelled to MK Dons and for the second time in 10 days, the Chairboys lost in North Bucks

By James Richings

WYCOMBE are out of the EFL Trophy after they lost 2-1 away at MK Dons.

The match at Stadium: MK was the second time that both sides have faced each other in 10 days, following Wanderers' 1-0 defeat in North Bucks on September 25.

Following on from their thrilling encounter against Morecambe on Saturday, it was the second time in two consecutive matches that the Chairboys fell behind to a goal that was scored in the third minute of the match.

With the game's first chance, Josh McEachran played Mo Eisa down the right-hand side before he laid it off to Tennai Watson.

The right-back then fizzed in a brilliant low cross that eluded everyone in

blue, which allowed Hiram Boateng to tap in from close range.

It was a move worthy of a goal and Liam Manning's men had the lead through Boateng's third of the season and his first at home this campaign.

However their advantage only lasted for four minutes as Wycombe equalised moments later.

Connor Parsons, who scored on his debut against the Aston Villa U21s in the previous fixture in August, dinked a beautiful cross into the MK box and there was Brandon Hanlan to put it past Franco Ravizoli from six yards.

It was Hanlan's second of the season. If the start wasn't hectic enough with two early goals, both sides nearly scored again in a matter of seconds from two attacks.

After 10 minutes, Adam Przybek produced a stunning save to claw

away Eisa's header before a mix-up in the MK defence gave Hanlan the ball.

He managed to go round Ravizoli but couldn't find the right opportunity to fire his shot into an empty net.

Instead, he laid it off to Anis Mehmeti who fired at goal but it was cleared away by the captain, Warren O'Hara.

The notion of 'you attack, we attack' seemed to be the order of the day as, on half an hour, Wycombe had a glorious chance to go ahead when Joe Jacobson's inswinging corner was flapped away by Ravizoli.

His poor clearance found its way to Jordan Obita but the former Oxford man couldn't compose himself and smashed his effort high and wide.

Then, seconds later, MK had a chance of their own but Josh Martin smashed over from the 18-yard line.

The second half began with the away

side on the front foot.

Hanlan ran himself into the ground as he chased every loose ball possible - and had a great opportunity to get his second of the contest - but his fierce drive from a tight angle just went wide of Ravizoli's goal.

A flurry of Wanderers corners caused several headaches for MK as they did their best to deny Joe Jacobson from adding another set piece strike to his impressive career collection. However, against the run of play, the hosts regained their lead on 64 minutes.

Wheeler, who spent six months at MK before joining Wycombe in 2019, was booked for hacking down Martin around 20-yards from goal.

McEachran took the resulting set piece and there was Zak Jules to slide it home from six yards - past Przybek - as it finished 2-1 to the home side.



Gareth Ainsworth (PA)

## Injuries have increased at Wanderers

WYCOMBE boss Gareth Ainsworth has revealed why several of his first teamers played in their 2-1 away loss at MK Dons on Tuesday night.

The defeat means that Wanderers have been knocked out of the EFL Trophy, with their fixture against Burton Albion a dead rubber.

In the loss in North Bucks on October 5, defenders in Jason McCarthy, Joe Jacobson, Jack Grimmer and Jordan Obita all started the match with Ryan Tafazolli and Anthony Stewart remaining unused substitutes.

He said: "We have got no other players who can play in defence.

"I've got Ryan Tafazolli and Anthony Stewart and I think eyebrows would have been raised if they started as well. With Chris Forino, Max Ram, Jack Wakley, Andre Burley and James Clark from the development squad all out injured, I was forced my hand to play some of the players we did, with JJ, leading the team alongside Jason, Jack and Jordan."

## Boss looking at the opposition

WYCOMBE boss Gareth Ainsworth has revealed that he will 'study' Gillingham ahead of this weekend's match.

The Gills will make the trip from Kent to try and be the first team this season to try and take points off Wanderers at Adams Park this season.

Speaking after the EFL Trophy loss to MK Dons on Tuesday night, he said: "They are a real up-and-at-them side with Vadaine Oliver being their danger man at top, they've got John Akinkde who was at Wycombe in his early days so they have got some decent players who will get the ball forward and they can play a couple of ways.

"We will study them and we're hoping that they are worried about us as we're worried about them."

Wycombe have defeated Gillingham eight times in 26 games.