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Bar is renamed after Chairboys' president

Monty's Bar opens in time for new season

By Andrew Colley

A WYCOMBE Wanderers bar has been reopened under the name Monty's to mark the 50th anniversary of Monty Seymour's reign as club president.

Monty, 102, was named president in July 1966, having served in a number of capacities from the 1950s during the Chairboys' heyday as the top amateur club in the South.

The ceremony at Adams Park on Friday brought together town dignitaries, including past and present mayors of High Wycombe as well as Steve Baker MP and representatives from the Royal British Legion, club ambassadors and close friends.

Club director Ivor Beeks – who served as chairman for 25 years – formally reopened the old Scores bar and recalled anecdotes from his first encounters with Monty, who he said “epitomises everything that is good about this club”.

He added: “Who else could this bar have been named after? Monty has played a very special and important part in this club's history and I'm proud to be here today to formally unveil the new name of the bar in his honour.”



The assembled dignitaries celebrate the opening of Monty's Bar

Mr Beeks went on to thank the Wycombe Wanderers Ex-Players Association, who have undertaken a project throughout the summer to display more historical photos and artefacts around the bar. The display traces key moments including the FA Amateur Cup Finals of 1931 and 1957, the eight Isthmian League title wins, FA Trophy glory at Wembley

under Martin O'Neill and eventual elevation to the Football League in 1993.

Monty was unable to attend the event. He lives at the Heights nursing home in Downley, where he has received visits from Mr Beeks, Wycombe Wanderers Trust chairman Trevor Stroud and manager Gareth Ainsworth in the past fortnight.



MP Steve Baker, right, at the opening



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'Prostitution problem needs proper policing'

PROSTITUTES have been accused of “ruining” a once-thriving area of High Wycombe, with a councillor slamming the sex workers for “treating every staircase as their territory”.

Last week, Wycombe District Council gave the green light to introduce a crackdown on people selling sex in the Desborough Road area, which could see prostitutes and kerb crawlers slapped with £1,000 fines.

Once seen as the best street in town, the area is now considered a haven for prostitutes, who go to work during daylight according to nearby residents.

Speaking to the *Bucks Free Press*, councillor Lesley Clarke, said: “It's as though they think each staircase is their territory – it's just out of order.”

“Hopefully by using these orders it won't be happening as much, but it needs to be properly policed.”

“I just think the whole anti-social behaviour is a problem for our residents in that area. It's not just prostitution, there's people drinking, there's people selling drugs, there's a lot of anti-social behaviour.”

“Anecdotal evidence” on sex workers in the area ensured the issue was put back on the table last week, with members voting in favour of using new Public Space Protection Order powers to curb all “prostitution-related” problems ahead of a consultation with members of the community.

This includes kerb crawling and those looking to pay for sex, and not just the sex workers themselves.

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GRAHAMReferees
boosted
by dissent
guidelinesAUTHORITIES LAUNCH CLAMP DOWN
ON DISSENT DURING MATCHES

THE days of a swarm of players surrounding a referee could finally be over, after a strongly-worded guide urging officials to be more stringent on dissent was released.

Years of campaigning to get tough on aggression towards officials looks to have been finally taken on board by the Premier League, Football League and Football Association, who have jointly outlined their plans.

Players showing "visible disrespect" towards officials or confronting them "face to face" have both been commonplace in the professional game for some time; but, in theory, both will result in a yellow card for the perpetrators from the start of next season.

Running towards officials will also be punishable with a caution, while yellow cards will be dished out for even "non-aggressive" physical contact with officials, such as trying to get their attention.

Equally, officials have been asked to "retain a professional detachment" from players and club staff during games, with some known for taking a more friend-styled approach to refereeing.

Ibe fee for
ChairboysBLUES SET FOR CASH BOOST AFTER
WINGER MAKES SWITCH TO CHERRIES

WYCOMBE Wanderers are in negotiations with Liverpool over the financial implications of the former Chairboys player Jordan Ibe's transfer to AFC Bournemouth.

The Adams Park club are due a share of the £15million Liverpool will receive after a sell-on clause was included in the deal which took the 20-year-old to Anfield in 2011.

Wanderers are currently in discussions with the Merseyside club and will update supporters once full details have been agreed, in line with the confidentiality agreements within the transfer.

Ibe started his career with Wycombe and has gone on to make 41 Premier League appearances for Liverpool since making the switch to the Premier League side.

The £15m fee paid by Eddie Howe's Cherries is a club record and sees Ibe move on after struggling to force his way into Jurgen Klopp's side on a regular basis.

It is unclear how much of the potential fee will be reinvested in transfers and Gareth Ainsworth refused to comment on the issue when questioned by the Bucks Free Press this week.

Ainsworth stays calm
over transfer windowBLUES BOSS BELIEVES NEW LOAN
RULES WILL LEAD TO AUGUST RUSH

WITH just over a fortnight until the League Two season commences, Wycombe Wanderers undoubtedly still have work to do in the transfer market.

The signings of Adebayo Akinfenwa, Dayle Southwell and Myles Weston plus the addition of Paris Cowan-Hall on loan have been welcome, but Wanderers' squad remains thin on the ground.

Gareth Ainsworth still needs to find at least one goalkeeper and would ideally like to add to the 16 names on the club's books before August 6.

The Wycombe boss remains calm about the situation though, and feels the club may do its best business later in the transfer window.

He said: "Obviously we will have to get some in before the start of the season, I am talking about the keepers, but players will become available sort of mid-August or the end of August.

"Some good players may become available for loan, which you don't want to miss out on, but then again you don't want to miss out [altogether]. It is a big game of poker and I am getting better at it each year."

Changes to the loan rules mean emergency loans have been assigned to the history books and any short-term deals will have to be concluded within the transfer window.

While Ainsworth accepts the changes present challenges for clubs at the lower echelons of the Football League, he says more players may become available as a result.

He hopes to take advantage of the situation and use any potential loan signings to maintain the positive atmosphere which has been fostered



'It is a big game of poker and I am getting better at it each year': Blues boss Gareth Ainsworth on the touchline on Tuesday.
Picture: ANITA ROSS MARSHALL

early in pre-season.

"I think there will be a rush at the end of August, more of a rush than usual," Ainsworth explained.

"Players will want to get out if they know they are not going to play at their parent clubs and they'll want to play at loan clubs. It is going to be testing this season for the lower clubs, especially with this loan window. I am really pleased though, really positive we can go into every game and win this season."

Ainsworth still has decisions to make on a number of trialists ahead of making any potential late summer signings.

A host of unsigned players appeared in Tuesday's pre-season friendly draw with Brentford and contributed as the Blues fought back from a goal down.

The Wycombe manager was impressed with what he saw but coy on revealing any plans to sign any of the players.

"It is difficult to judge everything in a week's training and a game," he said.

"You don't get to see their attitude when things go down and they are giving their absolute best. It is a tough job, but it is very nice when they play like they did tonight.

"I thought they all played some part and did themselves some justice. I am keeping my cards close to my chest, as always, but I am quietly impressed with what I saw."

Pre-season rekindling of friendships

IT will be a case of friends reunited when Queens Park Rangers roll into Adams Park for tonight's pre-season friendly against Wycombe Wanderers.

The clubs share a number of connections, from Gareth Ainsworth's time playing at Loftus Road to Wanderers' youth product Matt Ingram returning for the first time since joining Rangers.

Michael Harriman and Marcus Bean have also spent spells with the Championship side and the former is looking forward to taking on his old club.

Harriman said: "It is a bit weird because whenever I have played in a match with QPR I have always played for them.

"This is the first time I will be playing them and it will be special for me. I had fantastic years at the club, I learnt a lot and it should be a good occasion."

Ingram's return is one of the biggest draws of the night with the Wanderers fans' favourite likely to feature in goal.

The 22-year-old made 140 appearances for the Blues during a six-year spell before earning his move to west London last season.

Harriman is pleased with his one-time teammate's success and believes Ingram has the quality to continue to prove himself at a higher level.

He said: "You always like to see players doing well and Matty is a

prime example of that. He worked hard at Wycombe for years and now he has got his chance. Hopefully he grabs it by the horns and takes it."

Much like Ingram at Wycombe, Ainsworth enjoys a special relationship with the QPR fan base.

He is personally excited by the prospect of the club he played more than 100 league games for coming to Wycombe, and thinks the former QPR players will also relish the match.

"The ex-QPR players will enjoy it and I am sure QPR will bring a lot of fans down here as well," he said.

"There are a lot of connections. It is a special club for me as well and it will be a fantastic game."

Ainsworth will be able to call on

Adebayo Akinfenwa again after the striker missed the 1-1 draw with Brentford on Tuesday through suspension.

He will certainly play some part in the game and looks likely to start in what will be his first match as a Wycombe player at Adams Park.

The fitness of Sam Wood and Paul Hayes is still being monitored after they picked up injuries, but both are expected to return in time for the trip to Aldershot Town on Tuesday.

The Blues will be looking for their first win of pre-season after picking up respective 1-1 draws against Brentford and Le Havre in their first two matches since returning from their summer break.

WANDERERS: Positives for Ainsworth in draw A friendly maybe, but signs are good in this pre-season game

By Harry Gray

IT MAY have only have been a pre-season friendly but the signs from Wycombe Wanderers' 1-1 draw with Brentford can only be encouraging.

There was a creativity and freedom in some of the football played by Wanderers which wasn't seen for much of the tail-end of last season.

Add to the mix a goal for new signing Dayle Southwell and a man-of-the-match performance from wide-man Myles Weston and Gareth Ainsworth could be thoroughly content.

There were blips, not least the ease with which Joe Egan escaped to turn home a deflected cross for the opener in the 40th minute, but the overall performance was positive. Weston looks to be a particularly smart signing and it was he who provided the creative spark for much of the home side's best moments in the first half.

His delivery from wide areas is a particularly dangerous weapon and his whipped cross from the left almost provided the opener as Garry Thompson's header was saved.

It was the sort of service which was lacking last season and Wycombe's freshly bolstered strike force will surely benefit from Weston's arrival.

The former Brentford man's efforts mattered little at the interval though, as a looping cross found its way to Egan who arrived unmarked to tap home and give Bees the lead.

A raft of changes at the break brought a new look Wycombe XI and it took Ainsworth's men a good 20 minutes to settle. They could have been two down in that time after



Dayle Southwell is congratulated after equalising.

Lasse Vibe fired against the post early in the second period.

Wycombe soon grew back into the game though, and were level with 13 minutes to play, thanks in no small part to the individual excellence of one of six trialists on show.

The right-winger, who played the full 90 minutes, was productive throughout and smashed a rasping volley against the left upright from

all of 25 yards. The loose ball fell to Paris Cowan-Hall and the Millwall loanee crossed for Southwell to head down and in at the back post.

Having been brought to Adams Park to score goals, it was the ideal way for Southwell to mark his maiden match at the ground.

The 22-year-old's ability to be largely isolated but still arrive on cue to earn Wanderers a deserved draw

Picture: ANITA ROSS MARSHALL

with a composed finish will be equally reassuring for Chairboys fans.

Wanderers first half: Trialist-GK1, Bean, Trialist-CB1, Pierre, Jacobson, McGinn, Bloomfield, O'Nien, Trialist-RM, Thompson, Weston.

Wanderers second half: Trialist-GK2, Harriman, Jombati, Stewart, Trialist-CB2, Trialist-RM, Rowe, O'Nien, Trialist-LM, Southwell, Cowan-Hall.

Women relish a run of games

ROYALS BOSS LOOKING FORWARD
TO ADAMS PARK FIXTURE RUN

READING Women's boss Kelly Chambers is excited by the Royals' upcoming fixture schedule, which sees them play three matches in a row at Adams Park.

Chambers' side start their trio of matches at Wycombe Wanderers' ground with the visit of Birmingham on Sunday before entertaining Notts County a week later.

A tough match against league leaders Manchester City concludes the run on Wednesday, August 3 and Chambers is looking to make the most of home comforts.

"We have a good but tough run of games but it's nice to have some home games and to have a run of games to try and get a bit of momentum," she told the club's website.

"I know I am looking forward to these games and I definitely know my players are because we haven't had many and they have been training extremely hard."

Reading are currently second bottom of Women's Super League 1, having lost four of their seven games this season.

Remi Allen looks set to make her first appearance for the club against Birmingham after recovering from a slight groin strain.

Double signing

FORMER WANDERERS PAIR MAKE
MOVE TO NATIONAL LEAGUE SIDE

FORMER Wycombe Wanderers duo Max Kretzschmar and Gozie Ugwu have joined National League side Woking on one-year deals.

The pair were released from the Adams Park club in May after being deemed surplus to requirements by Chairboys' boss Gareth Ainsworth.

Kretzschmar, 22, began his career with Wanderers and made 73 league appearances in three years with the club, scoring eight goals.

Ugwu's time with Wycombe was altogether more fleeting as he spent only nine months with the club after joining in September last year. The Reading academy product scored just two goals in his 32 appearances and, much like Kretzschmar, spent the most of his time on the fringes of the first XI.

FOOTBALL: Two sign but goalkeeper departs Generals add experience and energy

CHESHAM United manager Andy Leese has added two new defenders to his squad with the acquisitions of Mat Mitchel-King and Benji Crilley, but goalkeeper Shane Gore has left the club to seek a new challenge after six years of service.

The signings come as the Generals continue their preparations for the new season which starts at Redditch United on Saturday, August 6.

Leese is delighted to have secured the pair and feels the squad is shaping up well ahead of next season.

"We are pleased to have agreed terms this week to add two more players to the squad," he said.

"The squad has looked in great shape in pre-season and responded well to the work we want from them."

Mitchel-King, 32, arrives at the Meadow after spending last season with both Hemel Hempstead and St

Neots and adds a wealth of experience to the Chesham ranks.

He has spent time at various Football League clubs and Leese feels he will have an impact at the heart of the Generals defence.

"Mat was part of the Histon team which enjoyed success coming through the pyramid a few years ago, and that earned him moves in the Football League with Crewe and AFC Wimbledon," he said.

"Mat is a leader and will bring some great experience on the pitch. He can play in midfield but has been signed primarily as a centre-back."

At 19, Crilley is very much at the other end of his footballing career and offers versatility in defence as well as potential to develop.

"Benji played at Ware last season and has developed into an excellent young prospect," Leese explained.

"He can play anywhere across the backline, but we see him potentially filling a full-back berth."

"I am really pleased to get both these deals done as it brings experience and energy to the squad."

"We are still assessing a couple of trialists and talking to other players who have come available this week."

However, Gore's departure leaves the Generals with young keeper Matt Nolan in their ranks and it is likely Leese will need to find another option.

Having played more than 300 games for the club, Gore's decision did not come easily and he took the chance to thank Chesham in an open letter.

He said: "It was not an easy decision to move club, probably the hardest I've had to make in football but I just felt the time was right to challenge myself at a new club."

"I want to thank Andy [Leese], Jon [Meakes], Brian [McCarthy] and all the supporters for everything they have done for me and the great times we have shared."

Gore also took the chance to look back on a season in which Chesham reached the FA Cup second round, and suggested he could one day return to the club.

He said: "The Bristol Rovers win will always be a highlight and to be part of that was amazing."

"I am very proud to have played more than 300 games for Chesham and maybe in the future that tally could increase again."

"I played some of my best football here and some of the most enjoyable too."

Leese praised Gore's commitment to the club and insisted he will leave a lasting legacy.

SPORT

BOSS CALM

Ainsworth feels he is improving at 'a big game of poker'



Hatton: Calmer approach key to fifth place at Open

Golfer's focus now moves to US PGA

By Harry Gray

TYRRELL Hatton says learning to control his emotions was key to earning him a fifth-place finish at The Open on Sunday.

The Marlow golfer produced an excellent final round 68 at Royal Troon to finish four-under par, 16 shots behind winner Henrik Stenson and tied with Rory McIlroy and Sergio Garcia.

Hatton believes a new calmer approach, which he has been working on with caddy Chris Rice, has helped him prosper at major events this year.

"The fire is still burning inside of me and I'll show that from time to time," the

Harleyford Golf Club member told the BBC.

"It's something I needed to get better at and I'm slowly getting there.

"We [Hatton and Rice] started working together at the beginning of this year, and it's been a great year for me so far. We make a good team. He's helped me a lot."

Hatton dropped just six shots throughout the weekend and has climbed to 55th in the world rankings due to his recent success.

A top ten finish means he will not have to qualify for The Open next year and is guaranteed a place at Royal Birkdale in 2017.

It is a marked improvement on his last four showings at the event which saw him miss the cut, and Hatton was understandably

pleased with his display on the links course.

"I played a lot of links courses as an amateur. When conditions get tough, I can grind out a decent score and thankfully my short game helped me out," he explained.

"I got a lot of confidence from last week and took it to The Open and it's great that I now don't have to try and qualify again."

Hatton's Royal Troon exploits, which gave him the best finish from an Englishman at The Open since Ian Poulter and Lee Westwood tied for third in 2013, continued his fine recent form.

The 24-year-old finished second at the Scottish Open the week before Troon and is now preparing for the US PGA at Baltusrol next week.



'The fire is still burning inside of me and I'll show that from time to time': Tyrrell Hatton.

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Southwell just getting started

FOR a player whose sole remit is to score goals for Wycombe Wanderers, Dayle Southwell has made a perfect start to life at Adams Park.

The 22-year-old striker netted his side's leveller in the 1-1 pre-season draw with Brentford on Tuesday night as he made his first home appearance for the club.

Having signed from Boston United last month, Southwell says he has settled in well and claims the Wanderers faithful can expect more of the same from him next season.

"I am always in and around the box and look to be in the right place at the right time, looking to get in space and put the ball away," Southwell said.

"I know when I get the ball in the box I will put it away and that is exactly what I did tonight.

"I came here knowing I can score goals. It is a big step up and what a way to start, scoring against a team that's two leagues above League Two."

Southwell's record in the National League – 54 goals in two seasons – is an impressive one and his confident demeanour could be priceless in the testing environment of League Two.



Dayle Southwell celebrates

His acclimatisation will be aided by the arrival of Paris Cowan-Hall, who supplied the assist for his goal, and Myles Weston.

The duo have been tasked with providing regular crosses for the Wycombe strikers and Southwell is pleased with the quality of service he will receive.

He said: "When Myles came I knew he was a great player and Paris is as well. They always put balls in the box.

"The gaffer has emphasised the need to put more balls in the box because we have players who will score goals."

The rise of Jamie Vardy has magnified the focus on potential

gems hidden away in non-league football in recent times.

Southwell, much like any young footballer, holds ambitions of replicating the Leicester City forward's rise, but understands journeys like Vardy's only offer inspiration for his own perspiration.

"You have Vardy but there are others as well. You have Andre Gray who's come from Hinkley to Luton then up to Brentford and is now at Burnley in the Premier League, so it is not just Vardy," Southwell said.

"When I got this move I felt like the hard work and the hard work on the training ground starts now.

"I will put the hours in and I am willing to do what it takes to get those goals on the pitch and show everyone what I can do."

Southwell's appetite for work has not gone unnoticed by Blues boss Gareth Ainsworth, who has been suitably impressed by what he has seen.

"I like everything about Dayle. I like his attitude, the way he trains, the way he wants to win so much and I have to curb that enthusiasm sometimes," he said.

"He is here to score goals and he has done exactly what I have brought him here to do tonight."

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