

# FOOTBALL: History-making run comes to a sad end Heartbreak for Rams in FA Cup qualifier

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BEACONSFIELD SYCOB's history-making FA cup run came to a crashing end last Saturday when they were humbled with a 5-0 home defeat to Brackley Town.

Having never reached the fourth round of qualifying in the cup before, it was all new territory for Andy Hurley and Leigh Woolridge's young side.

And it seemed it was just one step too far and now manager Hurley wants his team to take the positives from their memorable run and use the momentum to improve their lowly league position.

"The boys they can be massively proud of what they have done," Hurley admitted. "This is the furthest the club has ever gone, it's a fantastic achievement and they can all hold their heads high.

"We always knew we were going out of the cup at some point, but the disappointing thing was the scoreline because we didn't feel like it was a fair reflection on the game



at all.

"After they got the early goal we settled and at times had them penned into their half but we struggled to get the breakthrough, they got the second and then ran away with it."

A poor start saw them concede after only five minutes when Alex Gudger pulled the ball back for Steve Diggin to head powerfully past Rams stopper Sam Bunting.

Despite the early setback, SYCOB didn't crumble and should have reduced the arrears five minutes later when Nathan Minhas saw his effort deflect narrowly over the bar.

But the crucial second goal went to Brackley, though, when Jimmy Armson converted a penalty.

Hearts broken, Sycob left themselves too much to do and goals in quick succession from Pitt, Claudio Dias and Lee Ndlovu put the game well beyond the Rams.

"Obviously with the cup run our league form has suffered," added Hurley.

"We've got to push on and move ourselves up the table."

## Ainsworth: We need pro referees

MANSFIELD TOWN 1  
WYCOMBE WANDERERS 1

WYCOMBE boss Gareth Ainsworth has called on the English Football League to introduce professional full-time referees to League 2.

The Chairboys manager was incensed by some of the decisions which went against his team in the 1-1 draw at Mansfield - and claimed the Stags winner should not have been given for a foul on Danny Rowe in the lead up to Matt Green's 81st minute leveller.

At the full-time whistle, Ainsworth stormed from his dug-out and across the pitch to talk to referee Brett Huxtable.

Later, he explained that since managers aren't allowed to talk to referees until half an hour after the match, he wanted to put the North Devon referee on notice that he wanted a word.

During a tetchy second half, Ainsworth could be seen having constant conversations with the fourth official as Mansfield won a succession of free-kicks.

"What I said to the fourth official remains private," explained Ainsworth. "But it is my firm that these referees should be officiating at a professional level.

"These guys have got other careers, but we need professional referees. I keep harping on about this, but there is money in the game to do this. The Championship have professional referees, so let's do it at Leagues 1 and 2.

"That is my honest opinion and I keep saying it.

"It is no slight on anyone, just please get them professional because we are professionals, we have got fans who have spent a lot of money to come and be here today, and see the lads and cheer them on, and I am really proud of them."

Earlier Matt Bloomfield's 23rd minute strike had looked like winning the game, latching onto a Paul Hayes through ball to produce a cool finish.

That was until Green, who had been ill earlier in the week, came off the substitute's bench, hooking in from 10 yards after substitute Darius Henderson had nodded down a Mal Bening free-kick.

It denied Wycombe their first away win of the season and, but for a superb last minute save deep into injury time from Jamal Blackman, who dived full stretch to beat out a Henderson pile-driver, it could have been worse.



Match action from Beaconsfield SYCOB v Brackley Town at Holloways Park, which brought an end to Andy Hurley (below) side's brave FA Cup run.

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## It's on the road in the FA Cup for Bucks duo

IT'S destination Portsmouth for Wycombe Wanderers, who face the 2008 winners in the first round of the Emirates FA Cup next month.

While for non-league neighbours Chesham United, they've been given an intriguing trip to League 1 outfit Peterborough after qualifying for the first round for the second season in succession.

For Gareth Ainsworth's side, ball number 47 in Monday night's draw, they will have an element of revenge on their minds for the November tie, after losing 4-2 to fellow

Wanderers, who currently lie 11th in league one.

Last season, the Evo-Stik League Southern Premier Division chalked up a major scalp by knocking out league opposition in Bristol Rovers before bowing out to Bradford City in round two.

Matches will be played over the weekend of November 4 to 6, and Chesham boss Andy Leese is licking his lips at the prospect of another crack at league opposition.

He said: "Another fantastic game in prospect as we play Peterborough



League 2 side Pompey at Fratton Park earlier this season.

Meanwhile Chesham United's reward for getting through the qualifying rounds is a trip to Peterbor-

ough United in the next round of the FA cup. I thought our ball had been lost as the draw went on and on!

"Playing another professional club is a great reward for our efforts.

"It will be extremely challenging as we found last season with Bristol Rovers and Bradford City.

"We will prepare as we always do and see where it takes us. The game will ignite the fans and the town again, and I'm sure we will take a huge support to the game.

"We need to focus on the league games and the FA Trophy before

that, but what a great game to look forward to!"

Chesham, who were drawn as ball 64, saw off Potters Bar Town 1-0 in the fourth qualifying round on Saturday. Drew Robertson's 14th minute penalty was the difference after full-back Benji Crilley was fouled.

Beaconsfield SYCOB failed to reach the first round after losing 5-0 at home to Brackley Town. The scoreline was harsh as the Rams were still in the game until the 80th minute when the visitors plundered four late goals.

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## Ainsworth delighted with so much choice

GARETH Ainsworth says he welcomes the headache of having a litany of attacking options to choose from in the coming weeks.

The Chairboys are at home to struggling Barnet tomorrow looking to claim their fourth consecutive win at home after a string of impressive performances at Adams Park.

And Ainsworth is pleased to have pacey winger Myles Weston back among the squad this weekend following a spell of more than two months out, while Luke O'Nien is also in contention to start.

"It's been about nine weeks since Myles last played," Ainsworth said. "Which is a long long time in football so he's going to need more training than people realise.

"You can't just come back in after that length of time and say 'I'm back'; realistically it's going to take at least four games until he's fully fit again but he, like a few others, is one we've been waiting on."

Ainsworth lost eight players at the beginning of the season through injury, but the returns of O'Nien and Weston mean Max Muller and Dayle Southall are the only absentees.

"I'll never have a fully fit squad ever," Ainsworth added. "That is just the nature of the game and if we ever have a day with absolutely nobody in the treatment room I'll be amazed.

"With 24 players in the squad, it

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just won't happen. If we ever do have a clean bill of health I'm sure it will only be for a week or so because, on average, most clubs are always missing at least three or four players.

"A couple of players out is what I would call a fully fit squad and that's what we've got at the moment so there will be no excuses going forward, we have to start winning more football games."

Wanderers were perhaps unfortunate not to snatch their first away win in the league this season when Mansfield striker Matt Green levelled late on to cancel out Matt Bloomfield's opener.

But Ainsworth insists his side are on the up. "There was a real good feeling on the way back from Mansfield in spite of the result," he said. "Our intensity, spirit and desire was back and it was exactly the type of reaction that I wanted."

"I have my own opinion about the goal we conceded and I've already expressed my views on that but I'll keep my thoughts to myself now because I'm fully focused on the Barnet game."

The Chairboys will have to keep Bees striker John Akinde quiet tomorrow, who has already notched eight goals this campaign, but Ainsworth is relishing the opportunity to welcome Martin Allen's side.



Luke O'Nien (above) is in contention to start at home to Barnet tomorrow with Myles Weston (below) hoping to break into the squad.

"You live and die by your home form," Ainsworth stressed. "We've been averaging about two points a game which is good and after a few away games it's nice to be back at home."

"Martin is a guy who is known for setting up teams that are hard to break down and so you can expect it will be another typical League Two game with passion at the forefront of the contest."



## Top ten finish for Tyrrell at Masters



MARLOW's emerging golf talent Tyrrell Hatton had another successful week after he finished inside the top ten at the British Masters near Watford.

Hatton secured his maiden victory on the European Tour two weeks ago when he cruised to the Alfred Dunhill Links Championship title at St Andrews.

And the 24-year-old continued his rich vein of form when he finished on 12 under par at the Grove over the weekend to finish joint ninth with South Africa's Richard Sterne.

"Happy to finish inside the top ten," Hatton tweeted. "Another great British Masters, can't wait to play it again next year."

It means Hatton is now fifth place in the race to Dubai with Alex Noren, Rory McIlroy, Henrik Stenson and Danny Willett ahead of him.

The 23 under par he carded at St Andrews two weeks ago matched the best in the event's 16-year history and earned him a £640,380 pay day.

Along with the £63,657 he earned last weekend, his season's earnings are now in excess of £2million.