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Wanderers star 'headbutted' fan after home loss



Centre back Aaron Pierre was accused of 'headbutting' a supporter outside a supermarket

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WYCOMBE WANDERERS have revealed they will take action against one of their star players after he allegedly "headbutted" a supporter outside a supermarket.

On Friday evening, a Wanderers fan accused centre back Aaron Pierre of striking him outside a Tesco store just one mile from Adams Park following the club's 1-0 loss to Mansfield.

After investigating the alleged incident over the weekend, club bosses

say a player – understood to be Pierre – "regrettably behaved in an unprofessional manner, letting both the club and himself down".

They added that before the incident there was strong provocation by the fan and both parties have subsequently met and whilst there have been apologies to each other and to the club, they also acknowledge that such actions cannot be accepted.

Club chairman Andrew Howard said: "Football is a highly emotional game both on and off the field but that does not mean that players and

fans alike can operate outside legal or moral laws. As a club we want passion and commitment but we also want a culture where everyone feels safe – this is the priority at our club."

The club have not officially confirmed the exact circumstances of the incident, or if allegations of a headbutt are true.

It has also not yet been revealed what action will be taken against the player and fan, however Pierre – who has commented on the incident – played in Wycombe's 2-0 win over Barnet.

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Sam's the man for Gareth



Ainsworth was proud of his side's hard-fought win over Barnet on Easter Monday. Photo: Anita Ross Marshall



Saunders scored one of the goals of the season at Barnet

fingertip onto the post to deny Ruben Bover's rocket, as he kept up his recent excellent form.

Joe Jacobson added the second goal in injury time after Garry Thompson was bundled over in the box to keep Wycombe in touch of the playoffs.

Ainsworth said: "The boys deserved that but Jamal Blackman was outstanding.

"He kept us in it at 1-0 and the save in the second half (from Bover) was one of the best saves I have seen all season.

"Jamal made a double save in the first half that possibly no other keeper in the league could do and no keeper in the league would have been able to do his second save.

"That is what he is paid to do. Like I keep saying he will play at the very top.

"Sam produced an absolute moment of genius to get the first goal and I am sure that will be shown quite a few times on the TV.

"It was great for him to open his account and I thought he had an excellent game and when the game opens up, he produces moments of brilliance.

"I thought we got it right today and the result says that as well. It is fantastic to be just two points off the playoffs at this stage.

"What a position to be in and I am really looking forward to Saturday's game against Doncaster."

Barnet striker John Akinde has been a real goal threat all season and Ainsworth was pleased with how his defence handled him.

The gaffer commented: "I thought Sido and Aaron handled him really well.

"Also we put Marcus Bean in front of him the first half just to give Akinde that little bit of front screen.

"We have had that come up against us a few times with Bayo and we did well."

By Nicholas Tunney
Sports Reporter

GARETH AINSWORTH heaped praise on matchwinner Sam Saunders and goalkeeper Jamal Blackman after their performances helped Wycombe to an excellent 2-0 win over Barnet.

Saunders scored a contender for goal of the season on 20 minutes when he picked the ball up 40 yards and rifled a shot over goalkeeper Jamie Stephens and into the net.

Blackman pulled off three incredible saves in north London, including an astonishing

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Beast pens new contract

WYCOMBE WANDERERS have announced that Adebayo Akinfenwa has signed a new one-year contract extension with the club until the summer of 2018.

The striker, who has bagged 17 goals in all competitions in his debut season at Adams Park so far, announced the exciting news at the 500 Club Awards Dinner on Friday, in which Akinfenwa was announced as their Player of the Year for 2016/17.

Speaking at the event, the striker revealed his delight in winning the 500 Club's Player of the Year Award on top of signing with Wanderers for a further year.



Akinfenwa has signed a new deal to remain at the club

"Every single one of those players have helped me throughout this season," Akinfenwa said.

"I know sometimes the strikers get the plaudits, but the

work that goes on by everyone is incredible.

"When we cross that line we are together, and I want to thank everyone; the staff, the players and the fans."