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FOOTBALL

THE lack of a striker and a lack of self-discipline cost Amersham Town dear as they lost 3-1 to Aston Clinton in this hotly contested match.

In a game of few goal scoring chances Aston's Lewis Workman showed how it should be done with three goals from three opportunities.

Aston Clinton took the lead in the ninth minute. The Amersham defence failed to clear a ball on the left and, from the cross, Workman got in front of his marker to slip the ball in at the near post.

With 63 minutes on the clock a delightful curling cross from Squires-Adams on the right was met by the onrushing Evans Lamboh who nodded the ball past Smith.

As the minutes ticked by Aston made use of the extra space conceded by the ten men of Amersham. After 69 minutes Town keeper David Turner had to be alert to dive to his left to keep out a long shot from Michael Harper. However, Turner could do little when Aston retook the lead ten minutes later. From a long ball from the left Workman had time to turn and fire into the far corner of the net and Workman got his hat-trick with a minute remaining.

Burnham
take the
Flack

FOOTBALL

PENN & Tylers Green FC hope to continue their good pre-season form into tomorrow's first league match against Henley Town at home as they beat Maidenhead United U23s 6-4.

The management team of Giovanni Sepede and James Pritchard had another opportunity to give the team a run out after a tough pre-season schedule against a plucky Maidenhead United U23 side. Jamie West scored four good goals (one from the penalty spot) and Adam Harman got a brace to seal the win.

Flackwell Heath FC have already got their season underway and they drew with Woodley at Wilks Park 0-0 before crushing Burnham 5-0 in the FA Cup.

The first goal came as early as the sixth minute by Liam Tack before a second followed before half-time via Dean Allen.

Burnham's hopes were further dashed when Jamie Essex found the net before he doubled his tally for the night and Dan Malloy rounded off the hosts' scoring with a fifth.

Brave Risborough
crash out of FA Cup

By Nicholas Tunney

LAST Saturday, Risborough Rangers started their competitive season in the extra-preliminary round of the Emirates FA Cup with an excellent 1-1 draw against Cockfosters.

Martin Griggs second half spot kick ensured Risborough Rangers a second bite at dumping their higher ranked opponents out of this season's FA Cup as they drew 1-1 at Chalk Lane.

The visitors who sit one tier below Premier Division Cockfosters in the Spartan South Midlands League hierarchy were the most useful side in the opening exchanges of this extra preliminary round clash, creating several clear-cut chances.

But they were stung five minutes shy of the interval as Peter Rosemin rounded keeper Jack Brooker before slotting home.

Not to be deterred, Rangers fought back in the second period and deservedly found the equaliser just beyond the hour.

Ash Yearwood was chopped down by Iain Salt as the midfielder looked to pull the trigger and Griggs did the rest from 12 yards meaning the two sides will meet again in a replay on Tuesday night at Windors Stadium.

Griggs was the star man on an intriguing afternoon in North London bringing three good stops from home custodian Darlo Zavagno in the initial half hour - the closest effort arriving when a low shot required a fingertip to turn it around the post.

Having failed to take their opportunities though, the inevitable goal against the run of play materialised as Rosemin evaded the Risborough defence and tucked a shot into the far corner.

The away side was temporar-

ily wounded and had Claudio Tippi not smashed his 54th minute shot over the bar from ten yards, Rangers would probably have said goodbye to this year's competition. However, Griggs cool 61st minute penalty left the game in the balance once more.

The tie dropped into a lull with both teams flagging in their first competitive football of the new campaign but in the final five minutes Rangers were unlucky not to claim progression.

First James Shrimpton rattled Zavagno's crossbar before Griggs effort scuffed off Lamar Mason-Williams boot, onto the post and back into the keeper's grateful arms as Risborough had to settle for a draw following an impressive display.

However, Rangers lost at home to their rivals in the replay of the FA Cup (extra preliminary round). After going 2-0 down at the interval the hosts rallied in the second period, and with goals from Lamar Mason-Williams and Griggs (penalty) deservedly took the game into extra-time after 90 minutes.

There was no further scoring and the tie went to penalties with the visitors winning 4-2 to move into the next round of the competition.

Jamie Rayner will be delighted that his side ran their higher ranked opponents so close in both games and the two titanic matches showed that Rangers will be a force to be reckoned with in the league if they can produce displays of a similar quality to their cup exploits and the likes of Mason-Williams and Griggs showed what threats they will be this coming campaign.

Tomorrow, Rangers start their league campaign entertaining Baldock Town in the South Midlands League Division One (kick off 3pm).

On Tuesday, Risborough host Buckingham Athletic in another league encounter (kick off 7.45pm).



Lamar Mason-Williams was a threat once again for Risborough as they came so close to knocking out higher ranked Cockfosters

FOOTBALL: Holmer destroy Hayes in cup clash
Greens' new boys make perfect start

AFTER a close season in which they lost at least four players of considerable ability and experience, The Greens started this campaign in exactly the right fashion as they smashed AFC Hayes 4-0 in the FA Cup Preliminary Round.

The pre-season friendlies had offered manager Chris Allen a good look at possible replacements. 17-year olds Ryan Parsons, Mason Scott, and JJ Jarrott had all shown great promise, and a few new faces also put themselves in contention.

Come 3pm on the first Saturday of the competitive season, Parsons had "got the nod" along with three

newcomers. But Scott and Jarrott just missed out. Alex Rice, another Allied Counties' player also made the bench along with last season's skipper Gary Lines, Anthony Tyson, and another new signing Rikki Gilbert.

The Greens started the better of the two sides. On 13 minutes a bout of ping-pong in front of the Hayes' goal ended in Holmer Dean Munday heading at the visitors' keeper, who was well off his line and vulnerable to a finessed effort.

The first half ended goalless, but on 31 minutes a loose ball on the halfway line brought a poor tackle

from Curtis Stone, the referee duly produced a red card.

After an early scare for Holmer at the Spurlands Road end, the home side went up the pitch and gained a left-wing corner.

The flighted cross evaded the 'keeper, and the surprised full-back on the far post completely missed his kick under pressure. The ball entering the net via his standing leg. Then, in the next five minutes, with Dean Powles, beginning to come more into the game Holmer achieved the second breakthrough.

Holmer had two corners in quick succession. From the second, the

third newcomer Munday powered in a header from eight yards.

Davies was withdrawn for Rice to come on. Holmer looked even more threatening now, and it was too much for one of the AFC wingers. Now with ten versus ten, even two substitutions from the visitors failed to stem The Greens' impetus. Then, on the 84th minute a through ball confused AFC 'keeper and defender alike.

Rice also chased the ball down, and when it rebounded few yards up-field he had the presence of mind to turn quickly and fire the ball into the unguarded net.

COMMENT

With
**NICHOLAS
TUNNEY****WYCOMBE
WANDERERS****VS****PORT VALE**

THE football season is well and truly back! It was fantastic to be back at Adams Park on Saturday to watch the team again play against Lincoln City.

In the weeks prior to their first game, Gareth Ainsworth and the players knew what a tough game they were expecting against last weekend and the visitors didn't disappoint in a really competitive ding-dong battle.

It was a feisty encounter, full of commitment and no little skill. Before the Imps went ahead, I was viewing from the press box and I felt Gareth's men were unlucky to be behind but all credit to the Blues, they fought back before half-time thanks to Luke O'Nien and Joe Jacobson.

For me, these two gentlemen are two of the best players in the division (and are both absolutely charming to interview too) and the quality

of Joe's delivery to Luke for his goal and his sublime free kick for the second wouldn't have looked out of place at a higher level.

At the end of such a battle, I felt 2-2 was a fair result and I think Gareth and his counterpart, Danny Cowley, were satisfied with a point.

On Tuesday, once again I thought the Chairboys put in a decent, gritty display for the most part. They gave some fringe players a go and there were a few impressive performances on the night from the likes of Jack Williams, Marcus Bean and Danny Rowe, to show the strength in depth Gareth has at his disposal.

Unfortunately they were outdone by a screamer from Lucas Piazon and then a header from Denis Odoi and although the first goal was a moment of magic, Gareth was disappointed with the manner of the second.

Now attention turns to Port Vale, who were relegated from League One last season.

They have started their league campaign in perfect fashion, win-

ning comfortably at Crawley on the opening day 3-1.

Vale have some real quality in their ranks with the likes of Michael Tonge, Tom Pope and Antony Kay in their probable lineup so it will take a strong performance from Wanderers to topple them.

Having said that, since I started with the Bucks Free Press back in November, it seems as if the Blues absolutely thrive when there is a tough challenge in front of them.

The Spurs game is obviously testament to that but they beat Chesterfield and Millwall in cup competitions last season when both were in League One and against the three promoted sides, Portsmouth, Plymouth and Doncaster, they only lost one in six (not including Wycombe's win against Pompey in the FA Cup).

It will also be another 'homecoming' for Gareth on the back of last week's game against Lincoln City. Gareth was a hero in his short time at Sincil Bank and he was absolutely brilliant for Vale in his playing days in Burslem.

Seemingly, every club Gareth has been at as player or manager he is well loved by the fans and it is all credit to him that the supporters acclaim Gaz everytime he returns to one of his old haunts.

With the season just one league game old, it is far too early to call how Wycombe will fare. Last season, they just missed out on the playoffs and I would fully expect the Chairboys to target at least the playoffs once again.

Although one draw and one defeat in a league and cup game doesn't tell us much so far, I believe that on the whole Wanderers played reasonably well in both games and with most of the squad fit at the moment, it bodes well for the club to make a quicker start this season than last.

What better way to kick off their away campaign with a trip to Gareth's old stomping ground. I am sure there will be sentiment before and after the game but not during and I am confident the Blues can come away with all three points from Vale Park tomorrow. COYB!

OPPOSITION VIEW

A NEW feature called **Opposition View** is starting every week with the latest from the opposing side. Wycombe will be facing that week.

This week: Mike Baggailey, reporter for the Stoke Sentinel, Port Vale FC reporter

MICHAEL Brown has played 4-5-1 in the opening two games but both have been away from home, at Crawley and Leeds.

I think he might go for two up front for this opening home game, with on-loan Huddersfield striker Rekeil Pyke partnering local lad Tom Pope.

The 4-1 defeat at Leeds in the Carabao Cup was costly because left back Gavin Gunning was sent off and keeper Rob Lainton was forced off at half time with a quad injury. So, Gunning definitely misses this game and Lainton is a doubt.

Tyler Denton, a loan signing from Leeds, will make his debut at left back. If Lainton doesn't make it then Scott Hornby, a summer signing from Burton, will play.

Cristian Montano was rested at Leeds after picking up a knock, but could return.

Vale's star man is Tom Pope. The 31-year-old is a Vale hero after scoring 33 goals the last time the Valiants were in League Two, to help them to promotion in 2012/13.

He left on a free for Bury two years ago after he was asked to take a pay cut of around 50 per cent to stay at Vale Park. But he returned on a free from the Shakers in the summer to give Vale the target man they sorely lacked last season.

I'm looking forward to the Wycombe game because it will be a good indication of just where Vale are at.

They won at Crawley on the opening day but Harry Kewell's side are among the favourites for relegation.

I see Wycombe as a likely play-off contender and a side Vale have to match if they have aspirations of going up.

Vale played well at Crawley, hav-

ing much the better of the first half to go 2-0 up, before withstanding lots of pressure in the second half.

I'm looking forward to seeing Vale's centre halves tested against Ade Akinfenwa - a player who has had plenty of success against the Vale down the years.

Tom Pope writes a Sentinel column and, a couple of years ago, described Akinfenwa as easily the hardest player he has ever had to try to mark from set pieces. 'It was like having to mark a bus' was how Tom put it.

Gareth Ainsworth can expect a great reception from the Vale fans.

He was only at Vale for just over a year after he was signed from Lincoln for £500,000 in September 1997.

But he won the club's player of the season that year before he was sold on to Wimbledon for £2m. His terrific commitment, paired with his ability, made him a fans' favourite at Vale, as he seems to have been at all his clubs.

Vale's likely line up is....(4-4-2)
Hornby

Wilson Smith Kay Denton

Harness Tonge Pugh Montano

Pope Pyke

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Stoke Sentinel sport reporter
Mike Baggailey

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PHOTOS: Gallant Wanderers bow out of Carabao Cup first round to Fulham



In the CHAIR



MICHAEL DAVIES, GENERAL
MANAGER OF WYCOMBE WANDERERS



Michael Davies pens his musings for the BFP this week

IT was great to ring in the new season last weekend with our largest attendance for a first home league game since 2009; the standard has been set and now the challenge is on for us – and you – to help maintain it!

We know we have a fantastic on-field team and management staff who have what it takes to enjoy a successful season, and with real progress being made to ensure matchdays are an enjoyable experience for everyone who walks through the gate to watch them.

We've experienced greater numbers in our last three home games (friendly, league and cup) than in the same fixtures last season, both in terms of the size of the attendance and the revenue which the club has been able to generate, which is all-important in our fan-owned structure.

Improvements are ongoing, but if you haven't already joined us at Adams Park for any of those three games then I urge you to come along next Saturday to see what it's all about when we take on Notts County. The club has a strong family focus, with free tickets for under 11s in the Origin Family Stand, and we strongly feel it's a great day out for anyone.

Away from matchdays, we've had a productive summer behind the scenes, not least with the viral launch of our goalkeeper kits and the public reveal of the away kit in the Eden Shopping Centre, which received a great turnout from the local community.

Our partnership with the Ladies team has now been formalised and we're excited at the prospect of working more closely with them to help them firstly establish a base in the High Wycombe area, and then move forward on the pitch.

We've also seen improvements around the stadium with the renovation of the pitch and changing room, and a great deal of work from our excellent volunteers which has kept the place looking at its best.

It was a pleasure to speak to and meet many supporters at the Fans Forum recently and I invite further discussion from anyone – supporters or businesses – who can work with us to continue to drive the club forward off the pitch.

WANDERERS

Manager pleased with point against the Imps

By Nicholas Tunney

WYCOMBE Wanderers boss Gareth Ainsworth was satisfied with his side's start to the new season after a lively 2-2 draw against Lincoln City at Adams Park on Saturday.

The Chairboys went behind on the half-hour mark when Matt Green tapped home for the visitors before a rousing response from the home side saw Luke O'Nien and Joe Jacobson turn the tables before the break.

However, Josh Ginnelly slotted past Scott Brown on 49 minutes to ensure that both sides shared the spoils in their League Two clash.

Ainsworth expressed his delight with the manner of his team's comeback in the first half but was disappointed with the goals conceded.

He said: "I thought we were the better side in the first half and they were the better side in the second half.

"2-2 is probably a fair result. I was pleased with the way the boys got back into the game, especially after conceding against the run of play.

"But I was disappointed with the sloppiness of the goals conceded. There are things to work on but Lincoln are a good side and I am hoping we showed we can match teams on their aggression and physicality.

"I am really pleased with a good point and one more than we had at this stage last season.

"We are not show how good or how bad a point is going to be yet but I have a sneaking suspicion that a point against Lincoln isn't the worst thing in the world."

The Chairboys boss praised Jacobson for his game-changing contribution. He said: "Joe is a superb player and a highly intelligent footballer and his quality shone through with his excellent free

kick and assist."

Ainsworth gave debuts to Adam El-Abd and Nathan Tyson and the gaffer was happy with their performances.

He added: "I thought Adam was steady. What Adam does is make sure the person next to him excels, which is down to his communication and organisation.

"I thought Sido was outstanding alongside Adam. Adam is a leader and gave me exactly what I expected.

"I thought Nathan looked frustrated at times but credit to Lincoln for pressing us but he played with energy at times as well as the nervous energy he had."

In a very tight contest at Adams Park, O'Nien had the first effort for the home side on five minutes after good work by Dayle Southwell but his rasping effort flew just wide.

The visitors hit back a minute later, however, when Ginnelly wriggled free of Michael Harriman but his was denied by a smart save from Brown.

However, the game exploded into life on 30 minutes with three goals in nine minutes and Wycombe coming from behind to take the momentum into the break.

The momentum was short-lived though as the visitors showed their mettle to bring the score back to 2-2.

Ginnelly was proving a handful for the Blues rearguard and he almost conjured a third for the Imps but Matt Rhead sliced wide from six yards.

With 20 minutes remaining, both teams were huffing and puffing but creating very little as a warm August afternoon was proving tiring for both sets of players.

All in all it was a satisfactory afternoon for Ainsworth's side against a good team, with the fixtures coming thick and fast for the Blues in the next few weeks.



Ainsworth was content with a point against his former club Lincoln City on the opening day of the season. Photo: Anita Ross Marshall

BLUES: Goalscoring duo praise Chairboys display Jacobson: This team won't give up

JOE Jacobson and Luke O'Nien hailed their side's character after coming from a goal down to force a point with Lincoln City.

Jacobson scored the second and assisted O'Nien with a delightful cross and the Welshman warned that the Chairboys would be a tough nut to crack as the season progresses.

He said: "We managed to get back and show great character and that we don't want to give up and we said in pre-season we will be fighting to the very last minute every week and that showed in the first half.

"Unfortunately we couldn't quite hold on but I think it was a fair result."

O'Nien is on a hot streak at Adams Park at the moment and that

was his fourth goal in his last four games at the home of Wycombe.

The midfielder feels the point will be a good one come the end of the season. He explained: "That was a good draw against a good strong side. We did our homework on them and focused on the way they played and I think everyone did a good job and we looked dangerous, as well as defending very well."

"There were lots of shifts in momentum during the game and the concentration had to be high. You have to win those little battles and we got two quick goals and had we got the third we could have killed them but credit to them, they hung in there and got the equaliser.

"It was two good teams going at it and I think the draw was the right



O'Nien got his season off to a perfect start

result in the end.

"In terms of goals, I got three last season and I am happy to say I want to get to double figures this time

around. Adams Park is a great place to play at and it is a good start personally for me to get my first goal of the season so early on."

Tyson hopes to produce knockout blow

RETURNING hero Nathan Tyson is delighted to be back at Adams Park and he hopes to play a big role as the season progresses.

Tyson, 35, scored 44 goals in his first spell at Adams Park 12 years ago and now he has unfinished business at this level to try and help Wanderers out of the league.

He said: "It is great to be back and involved in the first two games.

"We have the quality here to do well but is a strong league and 12 or more teams could get promoted this season.

"Not much has changed since the first time but some teams are playing differently.

"Ultimately the competition is still there and working hard is key."

In his first spell, Tyson formed a successful partnership with Tommy Mooney and hopes to do the same with Adebayo Akinfenwa.

He added: "It will take time to read him but that will come. Hopefully we will gel really well and he is extremely effective at what he does.

"It is about reading off him and vice versa and it will click."



Tyson is delighted to be back at Adams Park this season. Photo: Anita Ross Marshall

CHAIRBOYS: Blues exit cup at hands of Fulham Gaffer finds the positives

By Nicholas Tunney

CHAIRBOYS boss Gareth Ainsworth wasn't too despondent with his Wanderers side despite a narrow Carabao Cup defeat to Championship opponents Fulham.

Ainsworth's men lost 2-0 to Slavisa Jokanovic's side after it took a moment of magic from Lucas Piazon on 67 minutes to break the deadlock, smashing a thunderbolt past Scott Brown from 20 yards.

Denis Odoi doubled the lead for the Cottagers with nine minutes remaining from a corner to seal Fulham's place in the next round.

However, the Wycombe manager was encouraged at what he witnessed on the whole from a team that saw seven changes from the weekend's draw with Lincoln.

Ainsworth said: "I am gutted we are out of the cup as it is always nice to have a cup run but I thought there were some good performances out there.

"The formation was a change which enabled me to play Jack Williams for his full debut and I thought he did really well.

"He acquitted himself well and showed me that we have the option now of doing that.

"I thought Adam El-Abd was outstanding again. His calmness is something special and Hayesy getting minutes and Nathan Tyson coming on to stretch them were real positives for me."

However, Ainsworth bemoaned his side's defending for the second goal after a wonder strike for the first.

He added: "I was disappointed with the defending for the second goal from a corner. That is bog standard, whatever league you are in and we have to defend corners



Ainsworth was upbeat despite another first round departure in the League Cup. Photo: ARM Images

in the right way.

"I-0 could have seen us put pressure on at the end but 2-0 made it too hard against a team like Fulham.

"However, on the whole I am pleased and we get a day more rest on Port Vale ahead of tomorrow's game which could be important."

Although the gaffer would have liked to embark on a cup run, a promotion challenge does remain the priority for Wanderers and the manager.

Ainsworth explained: "It is so important to have a fully fit squad

but the league is the one where we want to pick up the points and if people want us to go one better than last year maybe the odd cup defeat won't have too much of an impact as keeping players fit for the league is vitally important."

Another slight negative on the night was the injury to Paris Cowan-Hall who had to come off at half-time after a lively first half showing.

Ainsworth issued an upbeat bulletin after the game on the winger. He commented: "Paris took a blow on his back in the first half but it

shouldn't be too serious and hopefully he will be ok for tomorrow."

Wanderers had their chances in a tight affair and their first opportunity came on 21 minutes when Joe Jacobson played in an exquisite free kick but Max Muller could only head over when free at the back post.

The Chairboys played some decent football at times and Michael Harriman let fly from 25 yards on 36 minutes but his strike was comfortably held by Marek Rodak.

Tyson then saw a firm header tipped away by the Fulham stopper.

Manager hopes to upset his old club

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...level. They have a big stadium and a lot of people will expect Port Vale to get the three points.

"My boys do well when people don't fancy them and hopefully we can keep it going for Saturday."

Last season, Wycombe's first league win on the road came in November which kickstarted a great run on the road before fizzling out in February only to then pick up again at the business end of the season.

Ainsworth explained picking up points on the road will be vital to sustain a promotion push. He added: "The away form is a bonus and the home form is what gets you points and we need to concentrate on that.

"Away from home a draw is always decent and a win is always special. The season we got to Wembley (2014/15) our away form was awesome and it will be nice to pick up some points on the road and there is no reason why we can't do that on Saturday.

The manager is also likely to have close to a fully fit squad to choose from as they travel to the Potteries. He commented: "Anthony Stewart is back on the training pitch after an ankle sprain. It is great to have him back and he will be in contention for this weekend.

"Paris Cowan-Hall took a whack on the back during Tuesday's game but it isn't muscular or anything so hopefully he will be ok to be in the squad."

With the likelihood of a warm reception from the Vale faithful tomorrow, Ainsworth is looking forward to going back and seeing some familiar faces and he explained how much he enjoyed his time there as a player.

"It is a great place and I had a good year there," explained Ainsworth.

"They played a huge part in my career in making that step up and they were a brilliant stepping stone. We really did upset a few of the big boys and that season was phenomenal and I can't thank the club and fans there enough."

Ainsworth joked: "I hope to get a decent reception from the fans but that may be before the game rather than after!"

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- **Boss relishes battle with top teams**
- **Away form consistency vital for Blues**
- **Vale Park return for 'hero' Ainsworth**

GARETH AINSWORTH returns to Vale Park tomorrow as a returning hero but there will no room for sentiment as he plots a Wycombe away day victory.

Last season, Vale were relegated to League Two and ensured that Ainsworth would be reunited with the club where he arguably made his name as an explosive right winger.

Now, the 44-year-old will be hoping to take all three points back to south Bucks at 5pm tomorrow and add Vale to the list of notable scalps that his underdogs have beaten over the years.

Over the last few campaigns, Wanderers have generally com-

peted well with the bigger sides in the division and the Chairboys boss has a few reasons why his side play better against the big boys.

He said: "It is a strange phenomena but we have this tag of competing that I have instilled in them that is doesn't take the biggest budgets or the biggest clubs to be able to get a good team spirit.

"We compete and we raise our game against the bigger teams but sometimes against the lesser sides, we can't buy a win against them.

"Vale are a big club at this...

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