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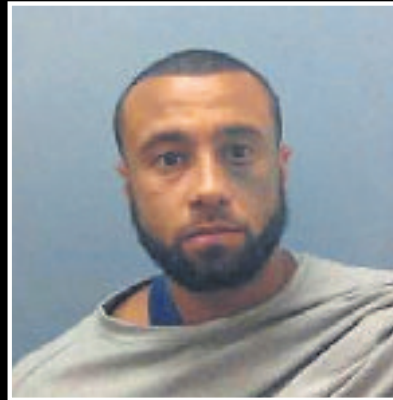
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COMMENT

With
**NICHOLAS
TUNNEY**



IT is always a pleasure for me to speak to some of the best sportsmen and women in south Bucks. Obviously we have featured the likes of Tom Ingram and Jack Goff in recent weeks, two individuals who are climbing the motor-sport rankings very quickly. I had the privilege of speaking to someone of a similar ilk this week. Someone who has grown up in the area and is now making a name for himself as one of the finest young golfers on the planet. Tyrrell Hatton has won the last two tournaments in the European Tour and it was great to speak to him regarding the last fortnight and what the future holds in store for him. His winning putt at the Italian Open under the severest of pressure shows he can definitely handle playing and beating the very best. His 20

foot putt on the last echoed that of Jordan Spieth, regarded as the finest putter in the game. After a great end to last season, he has trumped that with retaining his Alfred Dunhill Links title as well as winning in Monza last weekend. He has climbed to 17 in the world and there is no reason at all why he can't go even higher. He has the game, the temperament and the skill to win Major championships and play in numerous Ryder Cups. The world is most definitely his oyster. Wycombe Wanderers have had a hectic schedule in the past few days, culminating in a very long journey to Carlisle on Tuesday night. I have to commend the character the team showed. I wasn't there on Tuesday but was keeping up to date as much as possible. After seeing they had clawed it back to 2-2 after being 2-0 down, it was a choker to see them go behind again only to score a late, late equaliser to make it 3-3.

Lesser teams after going 2-0 behind on a cold midweek trip to the farthest point north in the league would have surrendered but the lads don't know when they are beaten and they equalled their unbeaten record in the road in their EFL history - an incredible 13 games. Two draws in a row is probably two points less than Gareth was looking for but they performed

well without finding the net against Exeter and that draw on Tuesday will feel like a victory. Attention turns to Swindon away tomorrow and they have a very ropey home record this season. What an opportunity for Gaz's men to break such a fine record tomorrow afternoon in Wiltshire. I believe if they continue to play the way they have done then they will be celebrating come 5pm.



Tyrrell Hatton

Wycombe Wanderers

LAST FIVE LEAGUE GAMES: WWWDD

VS



Swindon Town

LAST FIVE LEAGUE GAMES: LWLWL

OPPOSITION VIEW



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THIS week's Opposition View comes from Harry Abbott of the Swindon Advertiser:

How have Swindon started the season?

It's been very inconsistent. Town have been superb away from home, winning five of their seven matches, but well below their best at the County Ground, collecting just seven points of a possible 21. Given the largescale changes to the squad over the summer, this form is not overly surprising and they can still take comfort from the fact they remain within touching distance of the play-offs.

Who are your key players?

Luke Norris has started the season exceptionally up front. He has scored eight goals in

all competitions already having got just six all season in 2016-17. Matt Preston is also proving a crucial addition in the heart of defence. He was only signed post-deadline day on a free transfer to cover injuries but has looked Town's best defender.

What are the hopes for Swindon this season?

Upon David Flitcroft's appointment at the County Ground over the summer, chairman Lee Power made it clear that the remit was to win back promotion to League One.

What are your thoughts on Wycombe?

Wycombe have started the season really well and it would be of no surprise if they finish the season in the

playoffs after narrowly missing out last season. They clearly travel really well, having not lost an away game in the league so far this term, and are probably reaping the benefits of Gareth Ainsworth being at the helm for a number of years, giving him time to implement his philosophy.

Prediction?

Town are inconsistent but have only lost back to back games once. Given they lost in midweek, I will plump for a narrow Town win - 2-1.



Harry Abbott

In the CHAIR



MATT CECIL



Matt Cecil with Marcus Bean

A 484-MILE round trip to Carlisle on a Tuesday night may not be everyone's idea of a late-autumn break but when your team's unbeaten away from home in eight months, I – along with the team, staff and 126 supporters – were quite looking forward to the visit to Brunton Park.

As the press officer, I usually travel to away games with media colleagues in a company car but the brutality of this particularly journey meant I was invited onto the team coach – a behind-the-scenes experience I thought I'd share for this week's column.

Departing the training ground at 1pm on Monday, the coach played host to a number of activities for its passengers along the six-hour route to Carlisle.

Some took the opportunity to catch a nap, some watched films, listened to music, or even got stuck into a game of Balderdash (I only mention that as I was victorious on the journey home).

Straight off the bus into dinner at 7pm, the players and staff were eager to hear news of the FA Cup first round draw, which – in the absence of easily accessible wifi – was relayed via a phone call from home before Midlandsers Scott Brown and Dan Scarr shared their knowledge of Solihull Moors (though nobody was particularly clued up on Ossett Town).

Early to bed after an arduous journey, the players had the option of a light gym or swimming session on the morning of the game, in between the nutritious breakfast and lunch served up at the hotel.

For myself, the day was spent preparing for the game through the medium of online content, sharing information ahead of the match and revisiting highlights from previous encounters to Carlisle.

After a short walk around the picturesque town of Carlisle, we all made the short coach ride to the stadium where I met up with my colleague Tom and three photographers – Andy, Kevin and David – before taking my seat in the rather sparse press box.

Fortunately getting a draw was a moment to be savoured and made for a bearable journey home.

WANDERERS RECAP

Ainsworth content with Exeter point

WYCOMBE WANDERERS 0-0 EXETER

WYCOMBE WANDERERS manager Gareth Ainsworth gave his full backing to striker Adebayo Akinfenwa as he saw the experienced front man miss gilt-edged chances to beat league leaders Exeter on Saturday.

Akinfenwa, usually so assured in front of goal, missed three glorious opportunities to get the winner at home to Paul Tisdale's side.

Despite those misses, Akinfenwa caused mayhem for the Exeter defence and his performance deserved one of those chances to hit the net.

However, Ainsworth backed Akinfenwa to the hilt, praising the big striker as 'fantastic' for the club over the past 12 months.

He said: "Missing chances happens. If a right back has a bad day you don't seem to notice but with centre forwards you do.

"Bayo has been fantastic. The chances he creates for us, and scores, is special and we can't rely on him to score hat-tricks every game.

"Other people have to pitch in and they have done this season.

"At this moment in time everyone is expecting the net to ripple so much and our fans expect us to score.

"Bayo was a real thorn in their side and their keeper made some good saves.

"I thought a couple of the crosses sent in to him were flashed across. They were more difficult then it seemed but he will be back and I am sure his name will be in the paper again very soon because he is a fantastic player to have around and we couldn't be without him."

Wanderers also kept their first clean sheet at home this season and Ainsworth was effusive in his praise of his defence.

He added: "The resilience today when we needed it was great. There were a couple of good blocks and Scott Brown hasn't had a save to make in the second half.

"That is testament to the boys in front of him and I thought we kept them quiet."

There were also a couple of late talking points in the game.

A huge shout for a penalty happened on 80 minutes as Paris Cowan-Hall got in down the right but his shot was blocked by Dean Moxey with huge appeals for handball but the referee waved away the pleas.

One last big chance almost brought the house down when Anthony Stewart slammed the ball into the net but the referee blew up for an infringement.

Ainsworth added: "I was pleased with the amount of chances we created and on another day we may get the penalty and the disallowed goal."

Wycombe midfielder Marcus Bean said this is the strongest squad he has been associated with in his time at the club after drawing 0-0 with Exeter City.

Bean, who has been instrumental for the Blues this season, explained the strength of the bench on Saturday showed that.

He said: "This is definitely the strongest squad. You look at the bench against Exeter and we have the likes of Paris Cowan-Hall and Dayle Southwell coming on.

"You know you have guys who can step into the side if players are absent which is great for us."

WYCOMBE WANDERERS: Brown, Jombati (sub: Scarr, 88), Stewart, El-Abd, Jacobson, Gape, Bean, Eze, Freeman (sub: Cowan-Hall, 74), Akinfenwa, Mackail-Smith (sub: Southwell, 74). Subs: Ma-Kalambay, Williams, Bloomfield.

ATTENDANCE: 5,006



Ainsworth was pleased with his side's performance against league leaders, Exeter City

BLUES: Winger's wizardry earns dramatic draw

Cowan-Hall scores late equaliser

CARLISLE 3-3 WYCOMBE

A STOPPAGE time header from Paris Cowan-Hall rescued Wycombe a point in a 3-3 draw at Carlisle United.

The home side raced into the lead after four minutes when Reggie Lambe headed in from a corner, before Jamie Devitt doubled Carlisle's advantage from the spot on 38 minutes.

Sam Saunders gave the Chairboys hope going into the break with a sublime free kick from 20-yards in first-half stoppage time, before Adebayo Akinfenwa completed the turnaround on 72 minutes with his seventh of the season.

It looked like Wycombe had undone all their hard work on 84 min-

utes as Lambe bagged a brace, but up stepped Cowan-Hall to head in with just 30 seconds of additional time remaining.

Carlisle came out the blocks quickly thanks to Lambe's goal and with Wycombe beginning to impose themselves they were dealt a sucker punch when Shaun Miller was adjudged to have been fouled by Dan Scarr. Miller has since been charged by the FA for 'deception of a match official'.

However, Wanderers showed their toughness as Saunders and Akinfenwa hauled the Blues back level after dominating the majority of the second half.

Lambe then looked to have sealed the points for Keith Curle's side, before Akinfenwa came close to his



Cowan-Hall came off the bench to score a 94th minute leveller

second of the game but up stepped Cowan-Hall to produce a timely intervention for Gareth Ainsworth's men.

The equaliser sparked ecstatic scenes and the point meant that the Chairboys had equalled their EFL record of 13 away games unbeaten.

Wycombe face Solihull Moors in FA Cup tie

WYCOMBE Wanderers now know who they will face in the first round of the FA Cup on November 4.

National League side Solihull Moors lay in wait for the Chairboys after the Midlands beat Ossett Town 2-1 in their replay last night, after drawing 1-1 on Saturday.

Solihull are currently struggling in the National League, as they sit 23rd with just two league wins in 15 games.

Wycombe are no strangers to playing non-league opposition in the FA Cup having come up against Stour-

bridge in the third round of the competition last season.

Goals from Sam Wood and Adebayo Akinfenwa gave the Blues a 2-1 win as they reached the fourth round for only the second time in their history. Dan Scarr, on-loan at Wanderers from Birmingham, equalised for Stourbridge to send their hoards of supporters into raptures.

The Blues unfortunately bowed out in the fourth round when they lost 4-3 to Tottenham Hotspur in injury time at White Hart Lane after a remarkable performance from the team.



The Chairboys will hope for a similar result against Solihull as they had against Stourbridge

CHAIRBOYS: Gaffer boosted by return of duo Boss relishing Robins task

By Sports Reporter

WANDERERS boss Gareth Ainsworth is keeping his fingers crossed that his players are rested enough in time for tomorrow's trip to Swindon Town following a gruelling midweek trip to Carlisle.

The Chairboys didn't lie down and managed to force a point from one of the toughest trips in the league and Ainsworth is hoping his charges can do the same again against one of the pre-season title favourites.

He said: "We have to make sure we're all fresh for Saturday and our medical team will be doing all they can to get the boys' legs rested so we can give it another go against Swindon."

"Swindon are a big team in this division and they're expected to go up, so wouldn't it be nice to go there and get something from the game."

Ainsworth hailed the team spirit shown in their last-gasp draw at Brunton Park and he explained that the long away trips such as those can bring the squad even closer together.

He added: "When we travel away together, we're a tight-knit group and that's come from my five years in charge being all about being a team and being there for each other."

"That's never more prominent than when we're on the road, coming up against the atmosphere from the home fans."

"We relish it, we stick together and we've got this never-say-die attitude which makes me proud to be the manager."

When assessing the performance, the 44-year-old said it was a real positive that his team were



Ainsworth is looking forward to an exciting game at the County Ground

able to muster a hard-fought point despite not playing to their maximum potential.

Ainsworth commented: "It's a sign of a good side when you don't play well but get something."

"We all know we didn't play to our potential, but we've had a lot of games lately and maybe that was one game too far for a couple of lads."

"Credit to Carlisle, especially in the first half."

"They changed the way they play from what I was expecting - they had their centre backs flying out

with the ball and played the high press on us which they haven't done to sides for a while."

"We changed our shape at half-time to stop their centre backs playing and I thought we were a lot better in the second half."

"It was fantastic to score at the death and get something from Carlisle which is a tough place to come."

"This team doesn't know when it's beaten, and even when we're not playing as well as we know we can, we believe we can get something from games."

"I'm really pleased for the Wy-

combe fans because they've come a long way and they will have got home at 4am but a late equaliser will have made life a little easier for them."

The manager is hoping to name a strong team for Saturday with some big players back in contention for what could be a defining match as they chase a long unbeaten away record.

The gaffer added: "Naming Luke O'Nien on the bench at Carlisle was a bonus for us, and Beany (Marcus Bean) was a big miss for us on Tuesday."

Winger hopes Blues kick on at Swindon

WYCOMBE winger Paris Cowan-Hall hopes the late point earned at Carlisle will be a stepping stone towards this weekend's game at Swindon Town.

The jet-heeled forward produced a brilliant header to get a draw at the death for Wanderers who looked to be heading for defeat at Brunton Park.

The draw means it is now 13 games unbeaten on the road for the Chairboys since February, when they lost to Colchester United 1-0.

Cowan-Hall said: "It was a dramatic finish."

"JJ put a ball in and I've just gone and met it. I know the areas he can hit, so I just made sure I was there and managed to convert."

"It was a high-scoring game, with three goals each, and to get an equaliser so late on feels euphoric so that will be good for us going into the weekend."

Cowan-Hall has had a stop-start season so far with injuries but has already scored three goals in just a handful of appearances this term.

He added: "I've always loved scoring, so whenever an opportunity to get on the scoresheet comes I will try my best to get it, and having just come back into the fold having played a couple of games, I am feeling fitter by the day."

Having assessed the game at Carlisle, the fleet-footed forward felt that the point is more an achievement than picking up draws from most football league grounds due to the length and time it takes to get to Brunton Park, especially during mid-week.

Cowan-Hall commented: "There aren't any easy games in this league; every game is tough, and when you are coming away to Carlisle - a big journey - it is even tougher."

"So we're going to keep plugging away, try and stay unbeaten and put as many points on the board as we can."

Tomorrow, the Blues travel to Swindon Town, who have picked up just seven points from a possible 21 at the County Ground this campaign.

Marcus Bean is back from suspension and Luke O'Nien is pushing for a start after injury.