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OAP fatal bin lorry crash

By Stephanie Wareham

A PENSIONER was killed in a horror crash involving a council-owned bin lorry on a busy Chalfont St Peter road this week.

A female pedestrian, 71, was pronounced dead at the scene in Market Place following the crash, which happened near the roundabout with the High Street at around 10.40am

on Monday. The pedestrian has not yet been formally identified by Beaconsfield Coroner's Court, however flowers have been left at the scene for "auntie Pauline" by devastated family members.

One tribute reads "R.I.P. God bless. All our love," while another reads: "May you rest in peace. All our love."

A statement from Chiltern District Council confirmed that the

vehicle involved was a Serco waste collection lorry which is on a contract with the council. Council spokesman Rachel Prance added: "Our thoughts are with the family of the lady involved."

Messages also poured in on social media. Tania Dickinson-Gibson said: "Very sad, thoughts and prayers go to the poor lady's family," while Rob Henderson said: "So, so sad. God Bless her and her family."

Emma Jayne Arbery added: "What an awful thing to happen. Poor lady, thoughts go out to her family."

No arrests have been made and the woman's next of kin have been informed.

Emergency services remained on the scene of the shocking crash for a number of hours, with a make-shift screen put up by firefighters.

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COMMENT

With
**NICHOLAS
TUNNEY**



IT could be one of those famous FA Cup runs once again for the Wanderers.

I was extremely impressed with the way the players went about their business for what could have been a real banana skin for Wanderers at Solihull Moors.

A team rooted to the bottom of the National League, in real turmoil on and off the pitch, only to be galvanised by the visit of a League Two team on their own turf.

Fortunately, the Blues made it look very comfortable and their experienced players really came to the fore with the likes of Sam Saunders and Craig Mackail-Smith particularly impressive.

To make it to the second round for the fifth year in succession speaks volumes for how Gareth Ainsworth regards this competition. He clearly holds it in this highest regard and

his team selection for the match on Sunday couldn't have been much stronger.

Apart from a spell in the second half where Solihull were thwarted by Scott Brown, they were very professional and Gareth was pleased afterwards to get through.

The draw on Monday evening was kind as well, with Wanderers being drawn at home to another non-league side, as they face either Leatherhead or Billericay Town at Adams Park in early December.

Although Wycombe will have to play with the same professionalism as they did in Solihull, there is no doubt that Gareth will have been pleased with the draw as they look to make it to the third round once again and get a dream draw.

Back to league action this weekend and Wycombe face a trip to struggling Morecambe after a couple of weeks away from the league picture.

Their last league game saw defeat at Swindon and Gareth will want his team to get back on track as soon as possible in a bid to go on

another long unbeaten run on the road.

I will be making the long trip to Morecambe hoping that the boys can bring home the points. I think the win and the clean sheet at Solihull will stand the team in good stead for this trip and I am going for a 1-0 win against Jim Bentley's side.

At the time of going to press, I had the privilege of going to An

Evening with Adebayo Akinfenwa last night. I am sure, as is the character of the man, that it was a memorable occasion and I look forward to doing a report in next week's paper.

I have a copy of his book and look forward to reading the life and career of such a wonderful character and I hope he can continue to make more memories in a Wanderers shirt for this season and beyond.



Akinfenwa has been the toast of Wycombe in recent weeks

Wycombe Wanderers

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OPPOSITION VIEW



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THIS week's Opposition View comes from BBC Radio Lancashire reporter Derek Quinn

How have Morecambe started the season?

Morecambe are currently in the bottom two - their lowest ever Football League position. It has been a strange start to the season because overall they have not played too badly and only really been out played in one game - a heavy defeat at Exeter. Their Achilles heel however has been their lack of goals - only 12 in 16 league games so far.

Who are your key players?

The veteran Kevin Ellison is their talisman and if he plays well he is a real goal

threat. Player of the season so far though is probably goalkeeper Barry Roche who has made some fantastic saves.

What are the hopes for Morecambe this season?

At the minute the hopes are to get out of the bottom two. The club has been put through the mill over the last year or so and this year they still have the lowest budget and crowds in League Two. Every season is a struggle but boss Jim Bentley always wants to do more than just ensure survival.

What are your thoughts on Wycombe?

Everyone at Morecambe really admires Gareth Ainsworth and his attitude to the game. We all know they are a

team that are always in your face but the one person everyone talks about is Adebayo Akinfenwa. He is loved by Morecambe fans - if not defenders.

Prediction?

I will go for a 1-1 draw.

Derek Quinn

In the CHAIR



MAX MULLER



Max Muller

IT will be a very strange time for me this weekend, watching my two teams play against each other, and seeing my two sets of team-mates going out to battle on the pitch.

I came to Morecambe in August because I agreed with Gareth that I needed to play football, and I wasn't going to be first-choice at Wycombe, which I accepted 100 per cent. I have loved my time at Wycombe since I signed there last summer, and I am really grateful to everyone there for giving me the chance to develop and prove myself, even when I was injured for a few months at the start of last season.

It was a big decision for me to leave Germany and try to improve my career over here in England, but I am pleased I made that choice and I am still learning new things every day. Being part of the Wycombe squad last year was amazing, playing my first game in the win at Millwall, being around the club when we played against Tottenham in the FA Cup, and making friends with some fantastic people.

At Morecambe I've really enjoyed my time so far, even though it is colder than Wycombe most of the time! Jim Bentley is a fantastic manager to work for, just like Gareth, and Jim was a defender when he played so he helps my game every day in training.

It's also great to be back with Garry Thompson, who came back to Morecambe in the summer after leaving Wycombe. He's doing really well this season, and all the boys have massive respect for him as a player and as a person.

We've had some mixed results in the 14 games I've played in so far. We lost three of the first four matches after I arrived, but I got my first win against Newport and I was pleased to get a clean sheet against Luton, who have been scoring lots of goals this season.

I'm not sure what the future holds after my loan ends in January, but I keep in touch with everyone at Wycombe and am pleased to see them doing really well. I'm focused on getting stronger, fitter and better every day and working hard to make sure I can have a long and successful career.

WANDERERS RECAP

Boss delighted with 'professional' display

SOLIHULL MOORS 0-2 WYCOMBE

BLUES manager Gareth Ainsworth was pleased his Wycombe side avoided a potential slip-up as they eased to a 2-0 win over National League side Solihull Moors.

Goals from Nick Freeman and Craig Mackail-Smith gave the visitors a comfortable afternoon at Damson Park.

Although the hosts stepped up their game in the second half, the Chairboys always looked in control and Ainsworth was delighted with the way his side went about their business.

He said: "We got the job done and we are into the hat for the second round which is fantastic.

"I told the boys that if they want the moments like they had in the hotel last year when we drew Spurs, this is the process and the start of it.

"The aim was be in the hat, no matter what, and thankfully the boys did a really professional job.

"It wasn't a great game and Solihull sat very deep and we scored two good goals with the wind and against the win could have had a couple more.

"Scott Brown made one fantastic save. He showed superb athleticism to keep out the looping deflection and that could have given them a lift and our midfield covered an amazing amount of ground.

"All in all, a very pleasing performance."

Ainsworth hailed the impact of his experienced trio in the midfield and said their nous was vital in getting through a tricky tie.

He commented: "You saw Sam Saunders' quality he has on the ball.

"All three, Matt Bloomfield, Marcus Bean and Saunders, have all played at a higher level and you saw why.

"Blooms' energy that he gives us is

something special and Sam had that swagger back.

"Sam is a very confident player and showed what a terrific footballer he is.

"And what can you say about Beany? He is awesome.

"He gets his foot on everything, breaks attacks up. I wish he curled that one in the goal as it would have been a fantastic moment."

Ainsworth added: "The defensive injuries have been difficult to deal with lately, but I thought Dan Scarr came back very well. Both Anthony and Adam still have knocks but everyone came through unscathed."

Solihull, who were outplayed in the first half, had two excellent chances to make a game of it in the second half. Oladapo Afolayan's deflected shot was tipped over brilliantly by Scott Brown.

Jermaine Hylton then saw his shot on 78 minutes saved at point-blank range by the Wycombe keeper after good work from the lively Afolayan.

Akinfenwa almost doubled Wycombe's lead after 25 minutes when he volleyed superbly towards goal from Dominic Gape's cross but Charlie Bannister pulled off a magnificent save.

The home side came out with renewed vigour in the second half and Ashley Sammons just failed to meet Kristian Green's dangerous cross on 48 minutes.

Akinfenwa had a sniff on 87 minutes to wrap the game up from Cowan-Hall's good play but his effort went just off target.

Ainsworth will be hoping his side can now emulate last season's heroics as they reached round four.

WYCOMBE WANDERERS: Brown, Gape, Scarr, Stewart (sub: El-Abd, 74), Jacobson, Bean, Bloomfield, Saunders, Freeman (sub: Cowan-Hall, 67), Akinfenwa, Mackail-Smith (sub: Southwell, 90), Subs: Ma-Kalambay, De Havilland, Jombati, O'Nien.



Gareth Ainsworth was very pleased with the way his side went about their business against Solihull Moors

CHAIRBOYS: Mackail-Smith looks for cup heroics

Forward hails team-mates focus

WYCOMBE striker Craig Mackail-Smith was delighted with the professionalism shown by his Blues team-mates as Wycombe averted danger with a FA Cup win against non-league opposition.

Mackail-Smith scored the second goal in the 2-0 victory over National League opponents Solihull Moors and was a constant thorn for the Moors defence.

The former Luton and Peterborough striker hailed the win and the performance and is looking forward to potentially another epic run in this competition with the Chairboys.

He said: "It was a professional performance and we tried to make sure there was no upset.

"We got an early goal and we put

them on the back foot. We took our foot of the gas a little bit in the second half but we were in control and it was a good win.

"The league form goes out of the window in the FA Cup and we knew they would come at us but we did a fantastically professional job and we didn't concede many chances."

There was an element of luck about the first goal, which seemed to bounce in off Nick Freeman, aided by a ricochet off Mackail-Smith before slamming home a rebound for the second.

The 33-year-old added: "It was a big long ball and it went over Bayo's head and I gambled.

"We didn't know too much about it but we took it as it gave us the lead and made our jobs easier.



Mackail-Smith capped an excellent performance with a goal

"It was great to score. I thought it was going to be in the back of the net earlier as it was a great header by Anthony Stewart and then with

Bayo's heading prowess, I thought he was going to score.

"Fortunately, it fell to me and I stuck it away."

Blues face non-league tie in the second round

WYCOMBE Wanderers will continue this year's FA Cup journey with a home match against Leatherhead or Billericay Town.

The Chairboys are into the second round of the Emirates FA Cup for the fifth year in a row after Sunday's victory at Solihull Moors, following the draw at Slough Town last night.

The club will play the tie at Adams Park on the weekend of December 1 to 4 after Leatherhead and Billericay compete in a cup replay.

Both sides play in the Bostik Premier Division, three levels lower

than Wycombe Wanderers.

Information on the date and tickets will be released in due course, Wanderers confirmed after the draw was made.

Wanderers defender Dan Scarr, on-loan from Birmingham and who played against Wycombe last season for Stourbridge, took to Twitter to express his views at the draw.

He said: "Happy with the second round draw.

"Be a tough battle whichever team we play, but these are the days we love. Bring it on."



Wycombe hope to emulate last season's amazing run to the fourth round

WANDERERS: Ainsworth targets strong month Boss positive for November

By Nicholas Tunney

WYCOMBE boss Gareth Ainsworth has his eyes on a decent November in League Two as his charges aim to keep tabs on the division's pacesetters.

With two weeks since the last league encounter, Wycombe have since been knocked out of the Checkatrade Trophy but progressed in the FA Cup with a serene win at Solihull.

Wanderers begin their league campaign this month with a long away trip to Morecambe before a home game against Yeovil next weekend.

After a stuttering end to October, with just one point from two league games, Ainsworth has high hopes that the Blues can bounce back to string a run of excellent results together.

He said: "We have some games that people expect us to get points from and it is back to the league form. November is a month that we can pick points up.

"Now we are back to the league, I am not looking anywhere else other than picking up as many points as possible.

"The good thing for us is there aren't too many Tuesday games coming up and that is important with the squad we have got and gives us more time to recover from injuries we may have.

"The squad is looking very good. Anthony Stewart and Adam El-Abd were carrying knocks but another week has enabled us to have them recover fully.

"Even the likes of Nathan Tyson and Scott Kashket, are dare I say it, very close now. We seem to be slowly coming together and the injury crisis seems to have gone



Gareth Ainsworth

right down."

With a third of the season gone, Ainsworth assessed his start with an upbeat tone. He added: "I am pleased we are where we are.

"We are in and around the play-offs and with some big players to come back into the squad, we are in a good position to challenge and kick on."

One area where Wycombe haven't really struggled for injuries is in midfield. The trio of Sam Saunders, Matt Bloomfield and Marcus Bean were all in excellent form against Solihull and Ainsworth

could still welcome back the likes of Ebere Eze this weekend.

He commented: "All three of them have been brilliant. And we have the likes of Ebere, Dominic Gape and Luke O'Nien to call upon which is fantastic for us.

"There are players who haven't done anything wrong. It is just a case of other players doing everything right and the midfield have excelled.

"The ground the guys covered against Solihull was amazing and I am really proud with how the old guard are doing and we have the

fresh legs too."

Wanderers have been drawn at home to Leatherhead or Billericay in the next round of the FA Cup on Monday evening and the Blues manager was delighted to get a home tie.

"That is a good tie for us," added Ainsworth.

"Both sides are flying in their leagues. We can't ask for anything more. A home tie against a side from the lower leagues is one we will definitely take and we are looking forward to that tie in early December."

Dan not Scarred by injury concern

ON-LOAN Chairboys defender Dan Scarr is delighted to be fully fit and back in the side after suffering a nasty injury at the end of last month.

Scarr has been excellent since arriving from Birmingham City but had a couple of weeks out with a mysterious foot injury sustained during a match in October.

Scarr said: "I honestly am not sure how it came about. I played against Swindon and I am not sure if someone trod on my foot.

"On the Sunday I was sitting down eating my dinner and I couldn't get up and walk. I don't know if I got bitten or stung but it is just one of those things but fortunately it has gone now so that's all good."

The defender returned last week in the 2-0 win at Solihull and was praised by Gareth Ainsworth for his performance during that match.

Scarr explained that he is now suffering from no ill-effects and that it was great to be back in familiar territory last weekend.

He added: "I felt good. Because of the infection and being off my feet, luckily enough I was back in Birmingham and they said that they will assess it but I was continually doing fitness work so I was training and felt quite good coming into the game anyway.

"We played very well at Solihull and it was their cup final and it was good that we stayed professional and did our job.

"It was good to have a 'home' game, only being 20 minutes around the corner. It was good to catch up with a lot of people and I stayed behind after the game to see everyone so it was nice."

Now, the league fixtures kick in again and Scarr said he was raring to get back and try and help Wanderers contend at the top end of the table.

"Every game in this league is a tough test. You only need a couple of people to be off it and it becomes a very hard game," commented the centre-half.

"If we stay professional like we did Sunday, I hope we can get the job done this weekend up at Morecambe.

"At the end of the day, we all want to get the points and try and get Wycombe promoted and that's the goal."