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Schools demand £141 million

By Stephanie Wareham

FRUSTRATED schools in Bucks have sent the Chancellor of the Exchequer, Philip Hammond, a bill for more than £141 million to cover the shortfall in funding in the county.

The schools - led by Russell Denial, principal at Chalfonts Commu-

nity College and David Hood, head teacher at Cressex Community College - are part of the Worth Less? campaign, which is demanding more money go into schools to ensure that children across the country receive equal levels of funding.

The invoice sent to the Chancellor demands £141,272,610.

They base their calculations on the difference between what children receive each year in the county they live in, compared with what they would receive if they lived in central London.

In Bucks, there are 44,962 pupils in primary schools and 37,182 in secondary.

Worth Less? funding figures found that the primary per-pupil funding is £3,744 and £4,774 for children in secondary schools.

The total funding is £168,337,728 for primary and £177,506,868 for secondary.

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COMMENT

With
**NICHOLAS
TUNNEY**



WHAT a month for the Blues, capped off by an exhilarating win at Luton on Tuesday.

I have to say I always confidant the team could get a result at Kenilworth Road. Although Luton are flying high at the top, Wanderers went into the game in great form with three wins on the bounce.

Players were on their way back from injury and I felt that an open game might play into Wycombe's hands.

So it proved and what a start for the boys thanks to a great finish by Paris Cowan-Hall after great work by Nathan Tyson.

Tys' was on fire during the game, his pace exploiting a cumbersome backline with ease and he absolutely had Jack Stacey and Johnny Mullins in his pocket.

His first goal was a bit of a scramble but his second was finished off like the classy striker he

is. He showed fantastic composure to slot past Marek Stech after being sent clear by Dominic Gape.

With Luton, they have so many dangerous players at their disposal and they were never going to lie down quietly and Elliot Lee's double kept them in the game.

However, the Chairboys saw out nine minutes of injury time comfortably and expertly and they celebrated a famous win in front of a packed away following, roared on by 791 tremendous Blues supporters.

For me, it was one of the best games I have seen involving Wycombe, right up there with the Spurs match in the FA Cup and arguably the best win in my time at the paper.

It was a team performance as Gareth described at the final whistle but there were some players who really stood out with some incredible displays.

Obviously Tyson rolled back the years with two goals and a vintage display but Scott Brown made several world-class saves too as Luton

piled on the pressure with two spells in either half.

Dominic Gape was everywhere and played killer passes over the top for the first and third goals buy my man-of-the-match was Adam El-Abd.

To come back from injury and play the way he did was outstanding. He is an absolute warrior and his calming influence played a huge role on Tuesday evening.

He made countless tackles and interceptions and nullified James Collins, who is revered as one of the leading marksmen at this level.

To have him back was a real tonic for the side and they go into Saturday's game against Carlisle in great heart.

Carlisle have been in decent form and it will be a tricky match but the Blues will be full of confidence.

COYB!



Nathan Tyson

Wycombe Wanderers

LAST FIVE LEAGUE GAMES: LWWWW

Carlisle United

LAST FIVE LEAGUE GAMES: LLWDW

OPPOSITION VIEW



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THIS week's Opposition View comes from Jon Colman of the News and Star.

How have Carlisle fared since the last meeting between the sides?

Slightly better, but not much. Carlisle were 15th after October's 3-3 draw; now they are 13th. Their better periods of form have never lasted long enough to get them any higher, while they have not struggled for long enough to bring about real worries either.

What is the target for this season?

After missing out on promotion last year - dipping from the top three, scrambling into the play-offs then losing to Exeter - the hope was for a similar push this year.

That hasn't materialised and, at this stage of the season, it's clear their levels have dropped. They have struggled for goals at times, and only recently have they managed to arrest some poor home form.

How did you rate Carlisle's business during the January transfer window?

Mixed. There was major debate about the decision to loan striker Shaun Miller to Crewe. Keith Curle managed to bring in Cole Stockton, a striker he had targeted last summer, while the young loan winger from Millwall, Kris Twardek, had a promising debut.

How do you assess Wycombe?

Recent results have put

them firmly in the promotion frame, and any side capable of winning at Luton has to make you take notice.

Prediction?

Carlisle have been quite solid recently and I will go for a battling 1-1 draw.

Jon Colman

In the CHAIR



WYCOMBE LADIES



Matt Bloomfield coaching Wycombe Ladies

WYCOMBE were left ruing a host of missed chances as the Sumas held onto a lucky 2-1 victory.

The Blues had a change of location from Lane End to the Flackwell College 3G due to weather. The ladies train on Flackwell's 3G and therefore felt confident about the game in hand.

From the off, Wycombe began to press Wokingham and Emmbrook (also known as the 'Sumas') and made some promising attempts on goal. Unfortunately, in the 13th and 15th minute, Sumas made two crosses which sadly found the back of goalkeeper Amy Batkin's net. It was tough luck on the home side, who had hit the bar before the breakthrough from Katie Hudson's power strike from defence.

Wycombe strikers Kitty Jones and Tara Woodward whistled numerous shots wide or at the Sumas goalkeeper before Woodward finally found the back of the net in the 40th minute with a well-earned team goal that split the visiting defence.

For the majority of the game it was the visitors who found themselves pinned back deep inside their own half with Wycombe applying constant pressure but painfully there was no end product.

Charlotte Bagshaw then had a chance to head the home side to an equaliser when she met a corner unopposed, but directed her header over the bar. Manager Andy McIntosh commented at the end of the game that there were lots of positives throughout.

The ladies were fortunate enough to have Matt Bloomfield take a training session the previous Tuesday in which lots of the training was demonstrated during the 90 minutes as the Blues showed confidence on the ball and off the ball.

Sumas had no shots on target the whole match and won through two lucky crosses. The ladies train on Tuesday evenings and will go back to the drawing board as they prepare to face Southampton Reserves in the Jubilee Cup at home (Lane End, The Row, HP14 3JR).

Team: Batkin, Dean, Hudson, Newberry, Bagshaw, Robinson, Messitt, O'Connor, Woodward, Inniss, Jones, Povey and Potts.

WANDERERS RECAP

Ainsworth keeps his feet firmly on ground

LUTON 2-3 WYCOMBE WANDERERS

WYCOMBE Wanderers boss Gareth Ainsworth was ecstatic at his side's 3-2 victory over league leaders Luton Town but warned there are plenty of obstacles in the way as Wycombe challenge for promotion.

The Blues moved into second with a brilliant performance at Kenilworth Road, highlighted by Nathan Tyson's brace and a great strike by Paris Cowan-Hall.

With four league wins from four in January, Ainsworth is also hot favourite to pick up the coveted League Two manager of the month award but he is not getting too far ahead of himself.

He said: "Nothing has been achieved yet. It is one game but it is nice to come to the league leaders.

"They were possibly looking at the fact they could pull away from fourth place and we can get into second place if we can win.

"I said to the boys before the game to go out there and be potentially what you are because the boys believe this year.

"They don't want to be underdogs but with Luton, we are a million miles away resource wise and they need to get out of this league and they will.

"I would put money on Luton getting promoted this season without a shadow of a doubt and that is what makes it even more special to come here with the resources we have and win.

"It is a nice result. Nathan Jones is a good manager. He was very passionate at our place when they beat us and that was a compliment and I said to the boys that people respect you and to go out and prove it."

There were a whole host of incredible performances across the park, including that of Tyson, Scott Brown,

Dominic Gape and Adam El-Abd and Ainsworth praised his heroes for their brilliance as well as the supporters, who made their presence felt.

He added: "The boys were awesome and if I could name all the fans, I would because they played a huge part and thanks so much to them.

"We have had our moments but they have stuck with us and I am so proud to be your manager.

"I am so, so proud to see the scenes at the end with the players and they deserve it.

"I won't name individuals as it was a true Wycombe performance but Brown did pull off some cracking saves when we needed him to and the plan was put in place and executed nicely."

Tyson's double made it three in two games for the 35-year-old and Ainsworth had a gut instinct to put the former Reading man in the starting lineup.

"Tys' was on fire in training this week and I had a feeling he would score. Bloomfield said in the hotel before the game that he wasn't 100 per cent so I changed it up and put Paris at the tip of the diamond where Blooms was going to be and put Nathan up front," said Ainsworth.

"Not many teams come here and win and we will make sure we work really hard on the training ground and keep adding to that points tally."

WYCOMBE WANDERERS: Brown, Moore (sub: Thompson, 83), El-Abd, Scarr, Jacobson, Bean, Gape, O'Nien, Tyson (sub: Mackail-Smith, 75), Akinfenwa, Cowan-Hall (sub: Kashket, 83). Subs: Ma-Kalambay, McGinley, De Havilland, Freeman.

LUTON TOWN: Stech, Stacey, Mullins (sub: Mpanzu, 57), Sheehan, Potts, O Lee (sub: D'Ath, 78), Rea, Shinnie (sub: Cornick, 68), Berry, Collins, E Lee



Ainsworth wasn't getting too ahead of himself despite a fantastic win over league leaders Luton Town on Tuesday

WYCOMBE: Tyson and Brown delighted with win Heroes hail 'fantastic' result for Blues

WYCOMBE heroes Nathan Tyson and Scott Brown were overjoyed at the final whistle as Wycombe saw off Luton 3-2 to climb to second in League Two.

Tyson's double and Brown's multitude of top-class saves ensured Wanderers left Kenilworth Road with maximum points and in Tyson's case he notched the 49th and 50th goals of his Wycombe career.

The striker said: "It was a fantastic result. The fans were amazing and it was the right result I thought. "The first goal was good from Paris, as he was screaming for it and he put it away very well.

"The togetherness at the club is one of the best I have been at and we have the momentum now and we need to keep building on that and

we are very focused on the job that needs to be done.

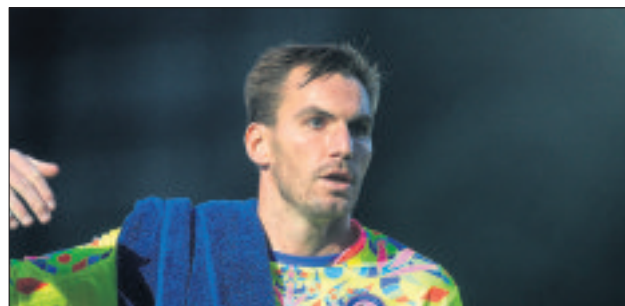
"To score that many goals for the club in two stints is an absolute honour and I am buzzing."

Brown added: "It was a real team effort and we had 19 men and the lads who weren't involved travelled up and we got right behind each other.

"It was great to start so quickly having not played for a while and we came flying out the traps.

"We started so well and we knew they were going to have a spell and we rode it out and I thought we did really well as a team as they are a top, top side."

After the agonising home defeat to Luton, the Chairboys won four games on the bounce and the same



Scott Brown was in imperious form against Luton

has now happened since the Mansfield loss on December 30.

Brown hailed the character to bounce back from such defeats. He

said: "That is what we are all about. "It has been a great month for us but the league is so tight and we need to give our best."

No fresh injury worries ahead of Saturday

WYCOMBE boss Gareth Ainsworth said the squad have come through the Luton game without any further injury worries.

Although Tafari Moore went off with a knock to the head, Ainsworth explained that his squad should once again be very strong for the Carlisle match this weekend.

He said: "Tafari came off but he should be fine for the weekend, as should everyone who played a part at Luton which is great.

"After such a high-tempo game, we are looking good for the Carlisle

match, which will be tough.

"It was great work by the medical team to make sure everyone was fit and firing for Luton and all the hard work looks to have paid off."

Club captain Matt Bloomfield missed the game at Kenilworth Road due to illness but is likely to be knocking on the door for a return to the squad.

Anthony Stewart, Sam Saunders and Michael Harriman are all still missing but all three are edging closer to a return to the matchday 18 which will be a boost to Ainsworth.



Tafari Moore should be fine for the Carlisle fixture

CHAIRBOYS: Skipper bullish for next 17 games El-Abd: We have the belief

By Nicholas Tunney

ADAM El-Abd made a triumphant return to the side as they put Luton Town to the sword on Tuesday night.

The Wycombe captain was outstanding at the heart of the defence as he kept the threat of James Collins quiet as Wanderers secured a famous 3-2 victory over the Hatters in a magnificent advert for League Two.

El-Abd had missed the previous two league games with a recurrence of a calf injury picked up over Christmas and, with 17 games remaining, he has one target in his mind.

He said: "We have the belief that we can get promotion.

"When I joined in the summer that was what was said and we set out to get promotion. The play-offs would be a great achievement still but we have been in great form lately, winning our last four league games.

"To beat the league leaders was a great result as they are such a good team but it doesn't matter whether we are playing the league leaders or Carlisle, we have to treat every game the same and it is vitally important to do that.

"It is good that we have no other distractions now. It would have been nice to have a cup run but Preston were good on the day and we weren't at our best and we have to make sure that we approach every match in the same way."

With players coming back to fitness and boss Gareth Ainsworth getting in four new loan signings in the January transfer window, the likes of Scott Kashket and Craig Mackail-Smith were on the bench on Tuesday which further



El-Abd said the squad has belief that they can achieve promotion

shows the quality that Wanderers have at their disposal.

El-Abd added: "I was sat next to Beany [Marcus Bean] in the dressing room after the game at Luton and we said we have a hell of a squad here.

"Every player in this squad adds something to the team and what's great is that all of them could easily start for the team and make an impact.

"Everyone here brings something to the table and not just to make up the numbers and that is crucial for us in our challenge for promotion."

Wanderers now entertain Carlisle tomorrow and the Cumbrians have been in good League Two form themselves in recent weeks, as they are unbeaten in three games without conceding.

El-Abd said: "It is going to be a very tough test for us.

"They caused us a lot of problems earlier in the season at their place [3-3 draw] and we did well to get something out of the game at the end.

"Every game at this level is tough and I am sure it will be no different against Carlisle. Obviously they

are in good form at the moment but so are we so we are approaching every game full of confidence."

After a frustrating time on the sidelines with that calf injury, El-Abd added: "Fortunately I did come through the Luton game unscathed and now we can put that injury to bed thankfully.

"It has been frustrating to miss out on those games in recent weeks but now am looking forward to the rest of the season with a clean bill of health and hopefully we can make this season a successful one for ourselves."

Manager praises current run of form

WANDERERS boss Gareth Ainsworth has heaped praise on his players following their magnificent start to 2018.

The Blues have won all four league games, including that brilliant win over league leaders Luton Town, and have scored 11 goals in the process.

In all, the Chairboys have scored three or more goals on 12 occasions this season with a whopping 55 goals in just 29 league games.

In the 2014/15 campaign when the Blues reached Wembley, they managed 67 goals from 46 games and this season they are only 12 off that tally already.

With the onus on Adebayo Akinfenwa and Scott Kashket last season, the goals have been shared around the team this time around.

Ainsworth said: "We play at such a high tempo and the players we have like Nathan Tyson, Dominic Gape and Luke O'Nien don't know how to play any other way.

"We have players like Scott Kashket and Craig Mackail-Smith on the bench and these guys are prolific scorers.

"The guys really do deserve a lot of credit for the way they are playing at the moment.

"They are working so hard on the training ground and are reaping the rewards. We only have League Two to concentrate on now and there is still a long way to go but I am really pleased with the way are going at this time.

"To be second now is a great platform for us."

Attention now turns to Carlisle at Adams Park tomorrow and Ainsworth is expecting a tough test from Keith Curle's men.

He added: "We are on a roll and so are they. They have been in decent form and are looking solid so we will be in for a very tricky game.

"They were very active on deadline day in getting a few players in so they have strengthened their squad. Our business was done early so I wasn't going to be busy but it was interesting to see who they have got in.

"We are back at home which is great for us and we definitely have to be at it again."

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Hockey

Marlow U16s become
national champions
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MIGHTY WYCOMBE DEFEAT LEAGUE LEADERS

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