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'Burned to death' in garden

By Stephanie Wareham

A WOMAN whose body was found ablaze in the garden of her £1 million home, prompting police to launch a murder investigation, took her own life, an inquest has ruled.

Three days after neighbours re-

ported hearing horrifying screams, leading to the discovery of Gurpreet Kaur's body, a man was arrested and quizzed by murder squad detectives – but no charges were ever brought.

The 30-year-old was living with her aunt and uncle at their gated home in High Beeches, Gerrards

Cross, when her burning body was found next to a petrol can in the garden. When emergency services arrived, a flip-flop she was wearing was still on fire and had to be extinguished and nothing could be done to save Miss Kaur.

After the initial post mortem examination, a 58-year-old man was

arrested on suspicion of murder. He was later released with no further action taken.

The inquest into Miss Kaur's death at Beaconsfield Coroner's Court heard she had left notes on her phone saying she had enough of life and could not carry on.

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COMMENT

With
**NICHOLAS
TUNNEY**

IT has been another superb week of sport across south Bucks and a huge congratulations to one football team in particular.

Beaconsfield Town gained promotion thanks to a 4-0 win over Dunstable on Tuesday evening and their rivals Hartley Wintney losing.

Everyone at the club deserves that success and it is great to see all those associated with The Rams working together on and off the pitch.

I spoke to chairman Chris Coyle in the summer and they had huge ambition for the club and have been rewarded.

Gary Meakin and the team deserve huge credit. With the club being revamped, it is clear that the heights were loftier than in previous seasons and it shows Meakin has his side playing some quality football in such a difficult division. There is also the chance

for silverware to reach the Chilterns as Chesham United take on MK Dons U23s in the final of the Berks and Bucks Senior Cup next week.

They face a daunting task against a side with a professional set-up but it has been a truly magnificent run by Jon Meakes and his side in this competition.

Jon deserves a lot of credit for galvanising the squad after a slow start and they even flirted with the play-offs thanks to an incredible run after Christmas.

I will be at the football on Saturday to cover Wycombe's crunch game against Chesterfield up in Derbyshire.

The Accrington defeat last weekend was a tough one to take. I think 4-0 was a bit harsh on the team after such a bright start but they were punished every time by their ruthless opponents.

It looks as though Adebayo Akinfenwa and Luke O'Nien will be back this weekend for the key battle, two huge players who have had wonderful seasons for Wanderers.

If they aren't, the Blues still possess enough quality to see off Chesterfield with the likes of Nathan Tyson, Paris Cowan-Hall and Scott Kashket in their ranks.

Tyson and stalwart Matt Bloomfield signed new deals at the club this week and both are held in such high regard at Adams Park.

These guys are Wanderers legends and regardless of what division they are in, to still have the

likes of Akinfenwa, Tyson and Bloomfield on the books is massive for them.

I am confident the Blues can still get that last automatic promotion place and think their ability to bounce back well after a defeat will be vital.

I can see a 3-0 win at the Proact Stadium and if results go their way, they could be a League One club come 5pm.



Beaconsfield Town celebrate promotion

Wycombe Wanderers



VS



Chesterfield

LAST FIVE LEAGUE
GAMES: DWWDLLAST FIVE LEAGUE
GAMES: LDLLL

OPPOSITION VIEW



1. Aaron Ramsdale

27. Bradley Barry

6. Ian Evatt

17. George Smith

22. Drew Talbot

25. Louis Reed

28. Robbie Weir

26. Jak McCourt

24. Andy Kellett

10. Chris O'Grady

9. Kristian Dennis

THIS week's Opposition View comes from Derbyshire Times reporter, Graham Smyth.

How has relegation been felt at the club?

Although it has been long feared and recently expected, it still felt like a final kick in the teeth for long-suffering supporters on Saturday.

There was anger and despair among the 600 travelling fans at Forest Green Rovers and of course concern for what lies ahead.

Has relegation come as a huge shock?

Not particularly, given the atrocious start to the season and the dawning realisation that the summer recruitment was desperately poor.

Fans have been resigned to

their fate, while obviously harbouring ever-dwindling hopes of a last gasp reprieve that never came.

What now for Chesterfield? Will Ian Evatt be well received?

Now that Lester has gone, Ian Evatt is probably the one man at the club held in high esteem by the vast majority of the fanbase.

How do you rate Wycombe?

Gareth Ainsworth is doing a fantastic job and is the kind of manager Chesterfield should perhaps have looked to instead of appointing Gary Caldwell last year.

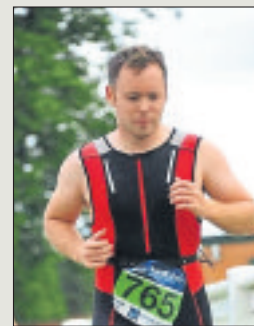
Who are Chesterfield's dangermen?

Kristian Dennis is top goal-

scorer with 20 for the season, an excellent return in a struggling team.

Prediction?

Chesterfield are the kind of side who turn up when you least expect them to, so I could see a draw.



Graham Smyth

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Ainsworth bemoans key first goal after a quick start

By Nicholas Tunney

Wycombe 0-4 Accrington

WYCOMBE Wanderers manager Gareth Ainsworth bemoaned Accrington's first goal after a bright start from his side in their 4-0 defeat at Adams Park.

A defensive mix-up between Nathan McGinley and Scott Brown allowed Kayden Jackson to tap into an empty net on 15 minutes after a very quick start from the Blues.

Nathan Tyson and Paris Cowan-Hall both came close to giving the Chairboys the lead but Jackson's goal rocked the home side and galvanised the visitors.

Further goals from Scott Brown, Sean McConville and substitute Offrande Zanzala gave Stanley an ultimately comfortable victory.

Ainsworth said: "It was a really bad goal to concede and seemed to change the whole momentum of the game and their tails came up.

"They got another one, another really poor goal, and they are the champions. You can't give them a sniff and they capitalised on that.

"I thought in the first 15 minutes we did well with Paris hitting the post but it was a tough afternoon.

"We will get over it quickly as we now have a big game next Saturday."

Despite the result, Exeter's failure to beat Crawley meant the Blues stayed in third and Ainsworth was relieved at that fact.

He added: "Lady Luck has smiled on us as we didn't deserve any fortune.

"The boys are devastated but all I will say is Accrington are worthy champions of this league.

"A team hasn't come here and done that to us all season and they were out-

standing and that's why they are champions.

"They won the second balls and defended resiliently and we were under par.

"The fans were magnificent. They weren't under par; they were over par for me and I thank them for their support as we need them now.

"It is still in our hands and hopefully a couple of injured players will be back next weekend."

Wanderers had a great opportunity to take the lead on three minutes when Joe Jacobson's long ball found Tyson, who lobbed Stanley keeper Aaron Chapman from the edge of the box but the ball dropped agonisingly wide.

The Blues made a quick start to proceedings and Chapman pulled off a fantastic save to push Cowan-Hall's diving header onto the past after brilliant work by Tyson.

However, Jackson's opener seemed to galvanise the visitors and they went on to take control of the game, running out worthy winners.

Jordan Clark had a sniff on 29 minutes when he got onto the box on after good work by Billy Kee but Jacobson snuffed out the chance.

Tyson had a chance on 44 minutes when he met Jacobson's drilled cross but headed the ball across the face of the goal before Stanley eased to the win.

WYCOMBE WANDERERS: Brown, Harriman, El-Abd, McGinley, Jacobson, Bean, Gape (sub: Williams, 39), Bloomfield, Tyson, Cowan-Hall (sub: Freeman, 77), Kashket (sub: Mackail-Smith, 46). Subs: Ma-Kalamabay, De Havilland, Thompson, Saunders.

ACCRINGTON STANLEY: Chapman, Johnson, Hughes, Dunne, Donacien, Clark, Conneely, Brown, McConville, Jackson (sub: Richards-Everson, 88), Kee (sub: Zanzala, 83).



Adam El-Abd rallies the troops



Nathan Tyson challenges Accrington defender Mark Hughes



Gareth Ainsworth bemoaned the 'bad' first goal conceded

Player ratings:

WANDERERS v Accrington:

SCOTT Brown: 5- At fault for first goal, no chance with others

MICHAEL Harriman: 6- Solid display from the right-back

ADAM El-Abd: 6- Not bad overall from the in-form skipper

NATHAN McGinley: 5- Found life tough against Billy Kee and co

JOE Jacobson: 6- Had his hands full against the lively Jordan Clark

MARCUS Bean: 6- Stuck to his guns but found life tough

DOMINIC Gape: 5- Off the pace after illness, made way in first half

MATT Bloomfield: 6- Energetic performance as ever but no real impact

NATHAN Tyson: 7- BFP STAR MAN- Gave Stanley defence something to think about with lightning pace

SCOTT Kashket: 5- Subbed at the break, didn't have a sniff from Stanley backline

PARIS Cowan-Hall: 6- Great start but faded

WANDERERS: Defender focuses on the positives Jacobson: It is really in our hands

WANDERERS defender Joe Jacobson explained it is still in Wycombe's hands to get that last automatic promotion spot, despite their heavy defeat to Accrington on Saturday.

The Blues suffered their first loss in eight games against the champions-elect and the Chairboys have two more matches to seal their dream of promotion.

Jacobson admitted that the performance wasn't good enough but there would be no feeling down heading into such a big game.

He said: "We have to be positive. The gaffer is never one to breed negativity at the training ground.

"He is the most upbeat guy there is and he won't let anyone feel down about that.

"They have a saying here about dropping the weight. It has gone, you can't change it and you have to make sure it doesn't happen again."

Jacobson did praise Accrington, his old club, for their performance at Adams Park.

He added: "It wasn't our day but they showed why they are top of the table.

"I think they are the best team we have come across this season but we gave them a start in the game with the early goal and then they punished us really badly.

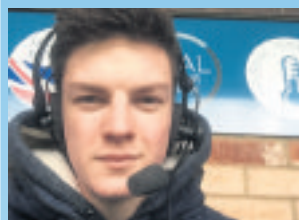
"After such a bad performance, to look at the table and see we are third picks you up a little bit and with two games to go it is in our hands and if we win both games we are up and where we want to be."



Jacobson said it was important to remain positive

In the CHAIR

SAM AVERY FROM WYCOMBE SOUND



Sam Avery looks at the squad's impact over the season

THIS week's In The Chair is with Wycombe Sound's sports reporter Sam Avery. He assesses who the key players have been this campaign.

Who have been your star players so far this season?

Luke O'Nien has been tremendous this season. His work rate is phenomenal and he gets better every time I see him play. He's got superb ability and he will be pivotal for the run in. Also, Marcus Bean has impressed me. Aside from his two goals, his experience is a valuable asset to the Wanderers' midfield.

How shrewd do you think it was to get the likes of Craig Mackail-Smith and Nathan Tyson in before the season and did you expect them to do so well?

Mackail-Smith's spell at Luton Town was blighted with injury, so despite his impressive goalscoring record at Peterborough United earlier in his career, it was unclear what kind of impact he could have. It is special to see Tyson back in a Wycombe shirt, he hasn't lost that pace either! Both of which have been exceptional additions to the Wycombe attack this season.

Are you surprised at Akinfenwa's continued impact?

I continue to be pleasantly surprised at how crucial Akinfenwa is to Wycombe; even at the age of 35! Gareth Ainsworth plays to his strengths and the way he brings others into the game with his hold up play is very enjoyable to watch. His physicality is a real asset and he is every defender's nightmare.



WANDERERS

Ainsworth faces a 'totally different test'

By Nicholas Tunney

WYCOMBE boss Gareth Ainsworth is expecting a totally different test from this weekend's opponents, Chesterfield, following last weekend's defeat to league leaders Accrington Stanley.

The Spireites have had a tumultuous week, beginning with a 4-1 loss to Forest Green Rovers on Saturday, which put them on the precipice of relegation.

In the wake of that defeat, Jack Lester and his backroom staff were sacked before Ian Evatt stepped into the managerial hotseat as Lester's replacement.

Relegation was then confirmed on Tuesday when Morecambe grabbed a point meaning that Chesterfield went through the League Two trapdoor and out of the Football League for the first time in over 90 years.

With the Accrington defeat a tough one to take, Ainsworth explained that it was now out of their system and the Chesterfield game was a tough one to assess.

He said: "It is going to be totally different game.

"If people are hoping that we can get favours done by teams in a lower position, ask yourself why that's going to happen. If you assume that might happen then you have to be fearful of Chesterfield as well.

"We have to make sure we are right on it Saturday. We have shown how consistent we have been after 44 games. We are in third, which is brilliant.

"I think teams below us are feeling the pressure that they are not above us and they are trying to turn that round on us.

"It makes me smile a little bit because we have had plenty of pressure in recent years and we don't consider this as pressure at all.

"This has been a fantastically successful season and we have a chance to do the unthinkable to get automatic promotion which I am sure everyone would have loved at the start of the season, but wouldn't have been confident of getting.

"Now we have a chance to do that and it is in the boys' hands.

"It is a really good opportunity on Saturday. I believe when people talk about the pressure on Wycombe I think that is a little deflection from themselves and they can't believe Wycombe after 44 games are still above them in the table."

Last week, Ainsworth did without the services of Luke O'Nien, Adebayo Akinfenwa and Sido Jombati, who have been key players in recent months for the Chairboys.

With two of the three certain to be back, Ainsworth is hoping that the talismanic Akinfenwa will also be fit enough to be in the squad for such a crucial game.

He added: "We are doing everything we can to get Bayo fit for Saturday now.

"Bayo missing last week's game was big for us as everyone knew and Sido being out as well has been a blow for us.

"They are both definitely going to the make the trip.

"Luke is back to full fitness and is training and he will be raring to go."

The Blues haven't been beaten on the road since December 22 when they lost 3-2 to Coventry at the Ricoh Arena.

Ainsworth eulogised about their form on their travels, explaining: "There is no reason why we can't remain unbeaten away in 2018.

"We travel well and I think the boys are well aware of what this game means.

"Pressure is never something I put on my players and they put pressure on themselves to perform."



Ainsworth is expecting a completely different game against Chesterfield after last weekend

BLUES: Forward ecstatic to sign a new contract Tyson confident ahead of Chesterfield

NATHAN Tyson explained there is a feeling of excitement round the club as Wanderers prepare for their final two games.

The jet-heeled Wycombe forward has had a superb season back at Adams Park, scoring plenty of important goals as the Blues go in search of automatic promotion.

He also signed a new one-year contract extension and the former Forest man was in bullish mood ahead of the trip to Chesterfield.

He said: "This reminds of the time I was at Forest. It has been 10 years since I was promoted.

"We got promoted in the final game of the season. We were in fourth place and preparing for the play-offs.

"Fortunately we ended up win-

ning and Doncaster lost and Carlisle drew or lost.

"For us, two games to go it is very exciting. This is what we have trained for all year and what being a professional footballer is all about."

Looking ahead to the trip to Chesterfield, Tyson added: "There is a lot of politics going on at Chesterfield.

"I think it will be a tough game because there are players there playing for contracts, whether that will be at Chesterfield or somewhere else but I think if we get an early goal, I think we can put our foot down on the pedal and move into the next gear and take it to them."

Tyson has pledged his future at the club until June 2019 after signing a new deal earlier this week and he explained he was over the moon



Tyson has had a superb season back at the club

to sign on the dotted line.

He said: "I am absolutely delighted. Thanks to the gaffer, team-mates and everyone at the club. I am so

grateful to be here.

"It is a fantastic club and I am very happy here and it was a very easy decision for me to make."

Tyson extends his contract at Adams Park

WYCOMBE Wanderers boss Gareth Ainsworth has rewarded striker Nathan Tyson with a one-year extension to his contract, keeping him at Adams Park until June 2019.

Tyson, 35, has excelled in his first season back with the Wanderers after rejoining last summer, having hit 44 goals in a prolific two-year spell towards the start of his career.

With seven goals in 33 appearances so far this term, including crucial strikes in victories over Colchester, Luton and Crewe (twice), Tyson has rewarded the faith shown in him last summer by manager Ainsworth who says there is more to come from the

pacey former Forest forward.

He said: "Nathan has had a fantastic season for us so far and proved to everyone that he still possesses the pace and ability in front of goal that has helped him enjoy a long and successful career."

"He overcame a serious injury in October and worked hard to battle back to full fitness within two months, and his experience – particularly in recent weeks – has been hugely important in our frontline, helping us collect some valuable points. Tyson is a popular lad in the changing room and fits in well with the culture we've got here."



Tyson has signed a new deal until June 2019

WYCOMBE: The scenarios for the final games Look ahead to the last two

By Nicholas Tunney

IT promises to be a rollercoaster final two games of the season as the League Two campaign comes to a head.

Wycombe Wanderers saw their automatic promotion dreams dented as they lost 4-0 at home to Accrington Stanley on Saturday.

However, their closest rivals, Exeter City, couldn't capitalise as they only drew 2-2 to mid-table Crawley Town at St James' Park.

Notts County's 4-1 thrashing of Yeovil Town at Meadow Lane flung them into the automatic promotion shake-up and it is these three sides that have that last place between them.

All three sides have played 44 games with Wanderers on 78 points, Exeter on 77 and Notts County on 76.

Wycombe face a trip to Chesterfield on Saturday, with the Spireites pretty much on the cusp of relegation, with just a mathematic possibility of them staying up.

Exeter face Stevenage away, a mid-table side who have a new manager in place in Dino Maamria.

Notts County face a potentially tricky test against Grimsby Town, who still need to win to stave off the threat of relegation.

The last fixtures see Wycombe play Stevenage at home, Exeter entertain Colchester United and County play Luton at Meadow Lane, who are already promoted. All games will be played on May 5.

There are plenty of scenarios, with the Chairboys still in the driving seat.

If Gareth Ainsworth's men win at Chesterfield and Exeter lose and Notts County fail to win, then the



Luke O'Nien scored the only goal of the game against Chesterfield in December

Blues will be promoted to League One.

If the Blues win, Exeter draw and Notts fail to win then it means the Chairboys are on the verge of automatic promotion, being three points ahead of the Grecians and having a superior goal difference.

All three sides could find themselves in third at 5pm on Saturday depending on which way the results go but other than the two scenarios above, nothing will be decided until May 5.

Wanderers manager Gareth Ainsworth admitted to seeing who his

rivals have got over the run-in.

He said: "I am not trying to play any mind games when I say I don't look at the league or fixtures."

"I have been looking at those for some weeks now and I know that we have done fantastic."

"I know that the sides round us have some tough fixtures coming up. They will be coming up against teams where the pressure is off but we have really tough fixtures too."

"It is going to be good and it is going to be exciting and I am looking forward to Saturday's game."

"I am surprised where Ches-

terfield are. We beat them 1-0 at Adams Park and they beat Notts County recently and it showed that they are a good side."

"Going out of the league is a major thing and they are a big club with a big fanbase."

"They look like they are a club in a little bit of disarray at the moment and I am sure they will be doing all they can to bounce back next season."

"Jack has got the sack and it is a tough and football management is such a tough gig and it is part of the job."

Blues legend signs new two-year deal

WYCOMBE Wanderers legend Matt Bloomfield has extended his stay at Adams Park until June 2020 after signing a two-year contract extension this week.

Bloomfield is closing in on 500 appearances for the Blues having joined in December 2003, experiencing two promotions and a League Cup semi-final during his journey with the club so far.

With the Blues on the cusp of promotion to League One this term, Bloomfield will be hoping for another memorable moment at Adams Park.

The 34-year-old said: "I've always said that when I came here in 2003 I never expected to stay for more than a couple of years, but now I can't imagine playing my football anywhere else."

"I love being part of this squad and this season has been one of the most enjoyable times of my career."

"I'm excited to be part of this club's progress and feel I still have plenty to offer on the pitch."

"I've played more games this season than in any season in the last 11 years; I feel as fit as ever, I really enjoy the role I play in the team and am proud to pull on the shirt each week alongside the fantastic professionals we have in our changing room."

"I want to keep playing for as long as possible but it's great for me to know in the back of my mind that there could be plans to move into coaching or other roles within the club in the future."

"I'd like to thank the gaffer and (sporting director) Andrew Howard for the help and support they've given me, and the faith they've shown in me to keep doing what I do for another two years."

Wanderers boss Gareth Ainsworth added: "I've worked with Matt as a team-mate and as a manager for nearly nine years now and he has always been an outstanding professional on and off the pitch."

"He continues to typify what Wycombe Wanderers is all about with his hard work ethic, his help and support for his team-mates and the rapport he has with the fans."

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● Exeter and Notts County hot on their heels

● Will key players be back against Chesterfield?



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