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BOWLS

MARLOW began their 2018 Bucks Cup campaign last week against Bassetsbury Bowls Club and kicked off with two wins, a draw and a one shot defeat.

The four rink home and away format produced some exciting bowls. Brian Jones, Nobby Anson and Dave Turner were the chief winners at home securing a 21-12 victory. Back at Bassetsbury, Andy Savin and Paul Simmons were in close-run matches.

Simmons playing alongside Roger Turpie and Robert Blake led 13-9 after 14 ends but then fell away and just scraped a draw with two shots in the final end 15-15.

Andy Savin, Trevor Day and Don Rockell had a fine start were then caught and overtaken but finished off in style with three shots in the last end for a good victory.

Over at Marlow Dave White, Stewart Rump and Pat Ryan were in good shape 15-7 ahead in the 13th end but dropped 10 shots in four ends to lose by a single shot at the death.

This win gave Marlow 11 points from a possible 14.

It was an away day at the weekend for Marlow as they took four triples to the artificial surface at Slough but only one rink came away with a win as Slough triumphed 73-55.

John Henniker, Bob Coombs and Bob Perrin forged into a 13-0 lead after just six ends and continued the pressure to tie up the game 25-7. But Slough proved too strong in the other ends.

Hatton ends
US stint

GOLF

TYRRELL Hatton ended his three-month stint in the USA on a low note as he missed the cut in The Players Championship at TPC Sawgrass, Florida.

Hatton, 26, played the first two rounds with eventual winner Webb Simpson but didn't make Friday's cut after two disappointing rounds.

The Marlow golfer is now on his way back to Europe to play on the European Tour, beginning next weekend at Wentworth for the BMW PGA Championship before attempting to retain his title at the Italian Open.

Hatton said on Twitter: "So my three months in the States is done, apart from two WGC events my form in regular events has been poor, pretty disappointed with my results."

"Looking forward to flying back home."

"Some issues with my wrist will be addressed next week, should be 100 per cent for BMW PGA."

FOOTBALL: End of an era as Giovanni steps down Sepede departs Penn as Williams is appointed boss



Sepede has stepped down and has been replaced by former Chalfont Wasps manager Gareth Williams

By Nicholas Tunney

AFTER seven seasons managing the first team, Giovanni Sepede has stepped down as manager of Penn & Tylers Green FC.

Alongside James Pritchard, co-manager for the last three seasons, the pair won back to back Hellenic Division One East titles.

Gareth Williams has been appointed as manager following his departure from Chalfont Wasps FC. In the next week or so, Williams will be assembling his back-room team and start preparing for the season ahead.

Williams said: "When I was offered

the opportunity to manage Penn it was an easy decision for me. I have big boots to fill following Giovanni and James but I am joining an excellent club with great facilities the nucleus of a squad and the desire and support to bring continued success."

Chairman Tony Hurst added: "It was with a very heavy heart that we accepted Giovanni's and James' resignations. When I appointed Giovanni seven years ago over a half pint in the local Red Lion Pub, I could never have predicted the unprecedented success he and James have brought to our club."

"He not only brought our first first-

team league title in 34 years, but amazingly repeated the feat the very next season as well. For that we will be eternally grateful."

"We now have to move on to a new era and are therefore delighted to have secured the services of a former Penn player and Chalfont Wasps manager, Gareth Williams."

"We once again met in the Red Lion Pub to ratify the appointment on Saturday. We have admired the work he has done at Chalfont Wasps and he was top of the list when we were considering a successor to Giovanni and James and we are all very excited as we look forward to work-

ing with him and his team over the coming months to bring continued success to the club."

"Another resignation over the weekend came, sadly, from our legendary Physio, dressing room motivator and another member of the successful team, namely our Physio, John "Grimmo" Grimsdell. His upbeat nature and subtle wit have calmed many a nervous dressing room over his many years of service."

"I would like to thank Giovanni for his input in making these changes as smooth as possible for the club. That was very welcomed and much appreciated."

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FOOTBALL: Defender enjoying his life in Australia Former Wycombe starlet settles in to life Down Under



Fangas has been enjoying his life at Wagga City Wanderers

A FORMER Wycombe Wanderers graduate is making waves in Australia playing for Wagga City Wanderers, with a return to England on the agenda in the future.

Bradley Fangas, 20, was also part of Stevenage's set-up growing up but settled for a career in Australia following a serious injury.

He said: "It all happened so quick, if I'm honest, I was just starting to play again after I recovered from a MCL injury when an agent who works with clubs in Australia had mentioned that a club were interested in having me over. It was good [timing] as I was looking for something new."

Having spent the majority of his football career staying relatively close to his Croydon home playing for Tooting & Mitcham before moving to the academies of professional sides Stevenage and Wycombe Wanderers, the move provided a real change for the midfielder and one which he did not want to turn down, even if his mother was apprehensive.

He added: "I had never been to Australia before but my dad wanted me to go and seize the opportunity given to me which I thank him for."

"My mum did too, although she wasn't head over heels with the fact that I would be so far away from home but she understands the sac-

By Nicholas Tunney

rifices that are made in this game."

The first thing which hit the midfielder on his arrival was the sheer heat of the Australian summer.

Fangas commented: "I came when it was summer and it was 40 degrees, which took me a lot of time adjusting too it was pretty hard at first but now it's cooler which works fine for me."

"Thankfully, it's starting to get a bit colder now."

It's clear that Fangas wants to make the most of his opportunity and it seems like the move to Australia has been a confidence boosting move so far, even with his side bottom of the table.

"Well I don't really know if I'm honest," he says when asked what the future holds.

"The gaffer and I, who I must say had shown great belief in me, thinks maybe if I decide to go back to England I can hopefully be seen by a National League or League Two side, who knows."

"But I still have to keep my head down and see where this takes me."

"I've also thought about playing in Scandinavia but we'll just have to see how that goes."

One thing for sure is that this 20-year-old is willing to commit to a career in football.

Champions edge closer to the title

HORSE RACING

ALEX Edwards and Gina Andrews both rode doubles at the Kimblewick meeting at Kingston Blount on Sunday to extend their respective leads at the top of the National Leading Rider Championships.

Edwards opened his account by guiding the exciting Champagne Lily, saddled by leading trainer Phil Rowley, home in the Swan Intermediate.

The rider sat tight when the unbeaten grey mare made a novicey blunder at the final ditch but she ultimately had far too much class for her rivals and ran out an easy 20-length winner.

"She's lovely," said owner/breeder Fanny Armitage, "She's not actually yet five (foaled May 28, 2013) so I'm thrilled with her."

"I'd like to bring her through slowly, so she will go Pointing for another year."

"We sent her mother, Champagne Lil, to Nigel Twiston-Davies too young. She was the last filly so we wanted to keep her to continue the breeding line."

Edwards and Rowley continued their winning form in the Emmett And Stone Open Maiden as four-year-old Caliente cosily scored by three lengths.

Sansome's medal joy

SWIMMING

WYCOMBE'S Junior International swimmer Millie Sansome recently competed for England at the World School Games, held in Morocco.

The Gymnasiade School Summer Games 2018 consists of 18 sports over three to seven days of competing.

Millie achieved a bronze medal in the final of the 200m freestyle.

The opportunity to represent England School was a great experience in order to develop more international racing experience and will hopefully prepare her further for the benchmark summer meets coming up.

Overall, it was a very successful event from a swimming point of view; the team were a good balance in ability and they gelled well together over the period of the games.

Head coach Tim Hartley said: "It was a pleasure to be able to work with the swimmers over the games and to have a great team staff around to help as well made the event an even better experience for all."

ATHLETICS: Phoenix athletes make hay in Oxford Harriers scoop huge medal haul



Emily Sanderson picked up a medal

LAST weekend, hoards of Wycombe Phoenix Harriers athletes competed at the Buckinghamshire County Championships at Horspath, Oxford.

Forty-one medals were won across numerous events, including 12 golds, 16 silvers and 13 bronzes. Prestigious county champion titles went to Hal Burtenshaw, Kendra Morris, Amy Hogbin (pole vault), Ryan Christopher Wells (discus), Lisa Fitzpatrick (100m, 100mH), Jodie Pearce (discus, shot put), Hannah Wells (discus, shot put), Cerys Vico (800m), and Jemima Hay (long jump).

Other medallists included: David Clark, Alex Wells, Ben Layne, Finn Bell, Byron Ewing, Jacob Sanderson, Nicholas Mitchell, Finn Kerr, Freddie Higgins, William Alexander, Megan Styles, Scarlet Storr, Charlotte Bellamy, Olivia Lowrie, Sian Vico, Emily Sanderson, Ella Griffin and Sienna Drummond. Wycombe Phoenix's junior athletes are set to compete this Saturday.

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COMMENT

With
**NICHOLAS
TUNNEY**

THAT'S it for the football season and time to get my teeth into the cricket, probably my second favourite sport after the beautiful game.

Firstly, I do want to just look back at Wanderers news over the past week and all the best to Scott Brown on his move to Port Vale.

'Brownny' was always a pleasure to interview and made my job very easy, bringing a lot of humour and passion to any chat we had.

He had a superb season between the sticks for the Blues and played every league game, including being taken off to a hero's reception in the last game against Stevenage.

That is a real coup for Vale to get in a keeper of that calibre. Speaking to Brown, he was gushing about everything and everyone about the club and the move was engineered by

him, to stay closer to his family.

In light of Brown's departure, it will be a very interesting summer at Adams Park as they prepare for League One so keep up to date for the latest news at www.bucksfreepress.co.uk/sport

The weather has played havoc with some of the cricket fixtures already this term but it was fantastic to see High Wycombe get a double win at the weekend.

After such an agonising defeat to Tring Park in their opening game, they bounced back superbly to record victories over Banbury and Chesham.

It was great to catch up with Teddie Casterton this week. He played a key hand in both those victories but he certainly is eyeing hundreds this season at the top of the order.

As I alluded to, although the football season has ended, it is that time of the season where players and managers come and go.

Giovanni Sepede has left his role as manager of Penn and Tylers Green FC after seven long and suc-

cessful years at the helm.

Sepede masterminded their first league title in 34 years and his will certainly be big shoes to fill but chairman Tony Hurst has snapped up Gareth Williams, from Chalfont Wasps, to become the new gaffer.

Williams has real pedigree at this level and looks another shrewd appointment by Hurst, after Sepede all those years ago.

Another winter sport, rugby, is

also included and I spoke to local boy Ross Neal this week after his transfer from London Scottish to Union giants, Wasps.

Neal is a Beaconsfield lad and it is great to see young sportsmen from the patch really progress through the ranks and I hope we see Neal at the top echelons of the sport.

The cricket coverage for this weekend looks like a full house and there are some great fixtures.



Scott Brown

SIX OF THE BEST

1. Amersham v Great Tew & Little Tew- Saturday May 19

Amersham will be hoping to secure their first victory of the season after a frustrating two games of their 2018 campaign. After a defeat in the opening day, the Shardeloes saw their last match against Dinton washed out by rain.

However, captain Andy Viney batted beautifully while the weather remained settled and he will be key to how they fare tomorrow. His 48 not out signalled a sign of things to come and he formed a decent partnership with his brother Rob.

If he is on form, Amersham could be in line for a big total.

2. High Wycombe v Thame Town- Saturday May 19

After an agonising defeat against Tring Park in their first match of the season, High Wycombe bounced back with a double victory last weekend against Banbury in the league and Chesham in the cup.

Teddie Casterton hit a gritty 64 against Banbury and the teenager has started the season in solid nick. He is touted for a huge career in the game and is keen to make that opener's berth at Wycombe his own with a call-up to the county in his sights.

Captain Nathan Hawkes hit a superb 73 against Chesham when promoted to opener and the bowlers have been in great form so far.



Jonathan Burden, Adam Dobb and Dan Marles have had tremendous starts to 2018 and Marles, in particular, has showcased his all-round talents. Last weekend, he whacked a sublime half-century and took four wickets to break Chesham hearts.

If everything clicks, they are a dangerous side.

3. Bucks v Suffolk- Sunday May 20

Bucks have had an indifferent start to the season and won one and

lost one against big rivals Berkshire on May Day at Amersham.

This second round Unicorns KO Trophy match represents a good opportunity to get to the third round for Bucks. The likes of Tom Hampton and Cam Parsons have bowled magnificently for High Wycombe so far and Garry Park was the match-winner against Berkshire last time.

Unfortunately, Saif Zaib is missing for Bucks after a good start to the season due to his commitments with Northants but other than that, Hampton's men have a very strong 12-man squad.

Suffolk are a dangerous side but Bucks will be confident of winning in Ipswich.

4. Beaconsfield CC v Wokingham CC- Saturday May 19

Beaconsfield suffered a huge setback last weekend when they got thumped by Henley in the ECB Cup second round.

Henley racked up a huge score of 279 in their 40 overs and Beaconsfield faced a mammoth task to chase them down. Unfortunately, they fell way short, mustering just 157.

They have the likes of David Heavyside to call on, who can turn a game on its head with his brutal batting but they will need to improve massively to give themselves a chance.

Harry Stephens hit a well-executed 46 to give Beaconsfield faint hope against Henley and he will also be vital to their chances of a first league victory of 2018.

5. Gerrards Cross v North Maidenhead- Saturday May 19

Gerrards Cross have been in wonderful form since coming back for pre-season with a 111-run annihilation of Stoke Green on the opening day of their league fixtures before seeing last week's match with Slough washed out.

Dan Hampton looked in magnificent touch in their local derby with the Slough seconds hitting 40 not out off just 34 balls before the heavens opened.

A repeat of their opening day performance would go a long way to sealing victory tomorrow.

6. Tom Ingram/Jack Goff in the BTCC at Thruxton- May 19/20

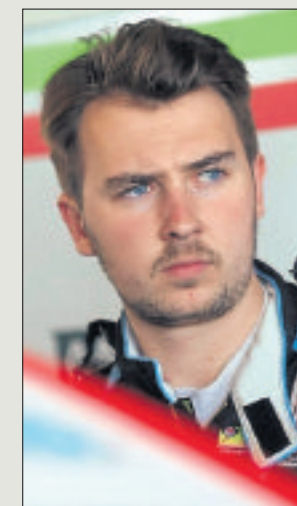
Ingram is currently leading the standings in the BTCC Drivers Championship thanks to a hugely impressive start to the season.

Thruxton is one of Ingram's favourite circuits and is confident of producing another supreme drive after a wonderful performance at Donington Park.

Goff has done very well and sits fourth in the drivers championship and the Princes Risborough ace will be hoping to keep close to Ingram's coat-tails.

Both men have enjoyed success and podium finishes so far and are flying the flag high for Bucks against some of Britain's best drivers.

With the weather looking hot and sunny in Hampshire, Ingram and Goff look set to slug it out once more on one of the UK's most famous racing venues.

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Minhas wins players' player as Rams cap off season with presentation night

By Nicholas Tunney

BEACONSFIELD Town, winners of the Evo-Stik League South East division were presented with their Victory Shield by league chairman Terry Barratt at the club's presentation night on Saturday.

Mr Barratt presented medals to all the squad and the shield to captain Wes Daly and vice-captain Luke Neville.

Having amassed 21 points from a possible 24 and scoring 29 goals whilst conceding only five, Beaconsfield Town FC scooped the Gamblingkingz.co.uk Team Of The Month Award for April.

The Rams won the award in January and will receive an engraved glass memento and some prize money from the league.

A highly successful season was further highlighted when The Rams came top of the Away Form table for the Evo-Stik League South division.



The whole squad celebrate with the champions shield. Photos: Neale Blackburn



Aaron Minhas with his award



Ajanlekoko was in fine form all term



Wes Daly (left) with Gary Meakin and Jordan Ajanlekoko



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Brown leaves Blues to put his family first

Port Vale beckons for popular goalkeeper



By Nicholas Tunney

SCOTT Brown has left Wycombe Wanderers to sign for Port Vale after a glorious season between the sticks ensured the Chairboys gained promotion to League One.

Brown, 33, played all 46 league games and produced some outstanding performances in goal to help the Blues into third spot in League Two. He was also named the OWSA player of the season before the final game against Stevenage.

However, after a discussion with manager Gareth Ainsworth, Brown told the Bucks Free Press that he wanted to stay in the Midlands to spend more time with his young family.

He said: "The journey was getting too much for me. I was waking up at 5am to miss all the traffic then before training I would park my car in a lay-by to get an hour's sleep.

"It was a very tough decision but I have a young son who is starting school next year and when I heard

the interest from Port Vale, I spoke to the gaffer and he and Dobbo [Richard Dobson] were brilliant with me as I felt that move was right.

"I am a bit jealous knowing that the boys will be playing in League One next season but it is the right move for me to Vale and am looking forward to getting started."

Looking back on last season, Brown explained that promotion to League One with the Blues was the highlight of his career.

He added: "It is definitely my best moment in football.

"To win promotion with such a special group of players to League One was fantastic.

"Everyone associated with the club was brilliant and I just want to thank everyone for their support.

"The fans were absolutely brilliant with me during my time at Wycombe and I just want to be remembered by everyone as a good guy."

Ainsworth added: "He's had a fantastic season for us and will always be fondly remembered not just as one of the club's promotion-winning heroes, but as a hugely popular guy."

Neal hits Wasps heights

RUGBY

A PROFESSIONAL rugby player from Beaconsfield has spoken of his delight at signing for Wasps, the club he has supported since their days at Adams Park.

Ross Neal, 22, has signed for the rugby union giants after a hugely impressive season for London Scottish where he started every game and scored eight tries from centre.

Now, Neal has the chance to learn from the best and he told the Bucks Free Press he can't wait to get started.

He said: "I had a good year with London Scottish. I joined them from London Irish, after being their for three years and part of their academy.

"One of my coaches at Scottish, Jake Sharp, went up to Coventry and then I received a call from Wasps saying they were looking at me and asked me to come up.

"I am absolutely delighted to sign for them. I used to watch them at Adams Park loads when I was younger and can't wait to play for them."

Neal added: "It is a bit of a risk moving to a club with such good players.

"I know I have a lot of work to do to get a starting place but am looking forward to the challenge of playing with and against the best."

With the season now finished and not due to begin pre-season until the end of June, Neal explained he was in two minds whether a break was a good thing.

He said: "I need some rest and recuperation but part of me wants to get cracking already with Wasps."

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