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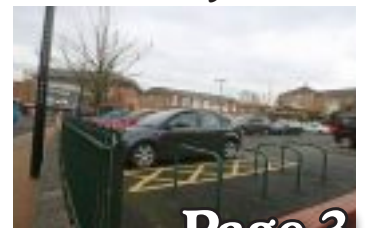
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Fears over 11-Plus blunder

By Jasmine Rapson

AN investigation was launched into Bucks' 11-Plus exams, after a technical blunder saw some pupils allocated more time for the test.

Parents fear their children may have to re-sit the exam as errors

made by the test provider; GL Assessment, meant some pupils were given an extra five minutes for one of the two papers.

The exam – which determines whether a pupil can be allocated a grammar school place – was held on September 13 at various centres across the county, with results ex-

pected to be released today (October 12). Speaking at a meeting of Bucks County Council's children's select committee, Liberal Democrat councillor Steven Lambert asked what action has been taken to ensure the results are fair.

He said: "If there was a disparity in pupils having equal access

to time and resources to do the exams, would they all have to do them again? This is a stressful exam for them, with their age, and the rest of the education they are going through. What will happen with those pupils that could have been disadvantaged?"

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COMMENT

With
**NICHOLAS
TUNNEY**

Coventry clash awaits



HOW can I start this week's sport offering without congratulating the Chairboys on their first home win of the season against Burton Albion.

Adams Park was alive with the much anticipated excitement which included support of the Beast – Adebayo Akinfenwa securing his 200th league goal and Joe Jacobsen's 200th appearance for Wanderers.

A huge well done to the team and fans at this unique, family-friendly club. They now look ahead to the Coventry game away this Saturday, hoping to overturn their loss away against the Sky Blues last season.

I spoke to boss Gareth Ainsworth on Thursday and he is overall really pleased with how his side have been performing this campaign.

Coventry are, however, a bit of a bogey club for the Blues with Wycombe having lost their last four games in all competitions against them.

Both times the teams met last season in League Two, Coventry won both matches narrowly. But in all honesty, a draw at the Ricoh and at Adams Park would have been fairer results in my eyes.

It looks as though Akinfenwa is over a slight injury scare from the Burton game and that is a huge boost.

It should be a superb game on Saturday and I back Wanderers to return from the Ricoh with all three points.

At Chesham United, the waiting game is over as they celebrated their first win of the season under new boss Mark Swales. Let's hope the tide is turning and they continue to build on this success.

Rugby across South Bucks continues to be strong with Chesham Stags recording an excellent win at Didcot at the weekend to propel themselves into the top three in the division.

It looks like they have a very settled side this season and I back them to chal-

lenge at the right end of the table come April time.

Tyrrell Hatton is on the crest of a wave at the moment and he was so close to making it three wins in a row in the Alfred Dunhill Links Championship at the weekend.

From the position he was in during the final round, he will be disappointed he couldn't see it out, but it shows how consistent he has been and with a couple of big events to go this autumn, don't be surprised to see him come out on top before winter arrives.

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Wycombe Wanderers



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Coventry City

Last five league games:
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OPPOSITION VIEW



- 1. Lee Burge
- 17. Dujon Sterling
- 5. Tom Davies
- 4. Jordan Willis
- 12. Junior Brown
- 23. Luke Thomas
- 20. Tom Bayliss
- 8. Michael Doyle
- 11. Jordy Hiwula
- 21. Amadou Bakayoko
- 10. Conor Chaplin

THIS week's Opposition View comes from the Coventry Telegraph's Andy Turner.

How did Coventry get on last week?

They recorded a superb away win at Charlton Athletic. They were trailing 1-0 to a first half penalty when Mark Robins threw on strike pair Amadou Bakayoko and Jordy Hiwula who transformed the game.

Bakayoko equalised on 80 minutes and got the winner in stoppage time - both brilliant six-yard box finishes.

What is the aim for the team this season?

Robins would, ideally, like to be in the top half and pushing for the play-offs but I think many would settle for top half consolidation.

Who are your dangers?

Bakayoko is the man of the moment with his brilliant brace but fellow striker Conor Chaplin has looked lively and getting agonisingly close to getting his first goal for the club from open play.

Winger Luke Thomas has had the fans on the edge of their seats with some scintillating runs and is a decent outlet down the right.

What are your thoughts on Wycombe?

They appear to have had a similarly inconsistent start to life in League One but have managed some decent draws, most notably at Portsmouth and Fleetwood and will, no doubt, provide Coventry with a stern test.

Akinfenwa is always a handful and Ainsworth is a good manager who I am sure will guide Wanderers to a decent season.

Prediction?

I'll go for 1-1



Conor Chaplin

GALLERY: Wycombe 2-1 Burton



Adebayo Akinfenwa and Curtis Thompson



Matt Bloomfield pressures Burton's Kyle McFadzean



Adebayo Akinfenwa and Randell Williams



Darius Charles



The team celebrate Joe Jacobson's penalty



Bryn Morris



Fans support the Blues



Matt Bloomfield



In the CHAIR



Wycombe defender Darius Charles speaks out about mental health



Darius Charles (second from left)

ON Wednesday I was privileged to be asked to attend a special event organised by the EFL to mark World Mental Health Day, in conjunction with its new charity partner, Mind.

I have to be honest in saying that I feel fortunate to not have encountered what I would consider to be serious mental health issues, but I know they are prevalent in football, and have been for some time. The good thing is that nowadays more and more footballers are coming forward to speak out about their troubles.

Football is known as the beautiful game and we all know the fantastic feelings that come with winning matches, achieving promotion and collecting silverware.

On the flipside, it can be a cut-throat business for those involved. Players have to cope with injuries, loss of form, spending time out of the team, long periods away from family, uncertainty about their futures due to short-term contracts, and feeling the pressure to continue providing for their loved ones.

The toughest time for me came a few years ago when I moved to a new club away from London but suffered a serious injury which kept me sidelined for over a year. I hated not playing, but also not being able to endear myself to the fans who want to see their players in the team and doing well. Luckily I was able to keep a positive mindset and focus on my recovery, but it was a tough time and not everybody can cope in the same way.

So on Wednesday it was an honour to be able to discuss these issues at an event in Kings Cross Station, joined by three other professionals from Luton, Wimbledon and Colchester. Thousands of people passed through the station and many stopped to chat and learn more about why mental health issues need to be out in the open.

The EFL and Mind have done a great job in bringing these matters to people's attentions and I know Wycombe Wanderers have plans to continue to help raise awareness and funds for the charity.

WANDERERS

Ainsworth hails his Blues matchwinners

By Nicholas Tunney

WYCOMBE manager Gareth Ainsworth hailed Joe Jacobson and Adebayo Akinfenwa as the Blues battled to their first win at home in the league this season over Burton Albion.

Jacobson marked his 200th Wanderers appearance with the opening goal from the penalty spot and Akinfenwa notched his 200th career goal with a trademark header to make it 2-0.

Albion pulled one back through Marvin Sordell but the Chairboys held on and Ainsworth was full of praise for the goalscoring duo.

He said: "They are two players that epitomise what we are about.

"Joe missed midweek [against Fleetwood]. I left him out because of pace issues against their wingers.

"Joe was great. He came to see me and said he wants to get back in the team and what can he work on and for an experienced player to do that is great.

"I thought he was back to his best in this game. He backed himself and he was fantastic.

"And for the big man to get 200 goals is fantastic. He is some player.

"You don't score 200 goals without being a great player and we are lucky to have him.

"He is a real warrior. He has played through so many injuries. He is gutted to have come off as he felt the pain beat him.

"We held on and deserved it for the first half performance. We showed some real resilience was back to what we are and we were back to



Gareth Ainsworth was delighted to beat Burton

our best.

"The defensive display was excellent and it is our first win at home, which is fantastic to say."

Jacobson gave the Blues the lead on 29 minutes when he slotted a penalty past Dimitar Evtimov after Craig Mackail-Smith was bundled over by Kyle McFadzean.

Akinfenwa made it 2-0 on 36 minutes with a trademark bullet header thanks to a brilliant run and cross

by Randell Williams.

Burton made a game of it and they scored on 47 minutes when Sordell rounded Ryan Allsop after excellent work from Liam Boyce.

Wanderers moved up to 17th and face Coventry on Saturday (3pm) at the Ricoh Arena.

WYCOMBE Allsop, Harriman, McCarthy, Charles, Jacobson, Gape, Thompson, Bloomfield (sub: Morris, 81),

Mackail-Smith, Akinfenwa (sub: Cowan-Hall, 54), Williams (sub: Onyedimma, 82). Subs: Ma-Kalambay, Kashket, Freeman, Samuel.

BURTON ALBION: Evtimov, Akins, Brayford, McFadzean, Turner, Hesketh (sub: Cole, 65), Fraser (sub: McCrory, 46), Allen (sub: Sbarra, 84), Quinn, Sordell, Boyce. Subs: Collins, Buxton, Fox, Miller.

REFEREE: Charles Breakspear
ATTENDANCE: 4,022



Adebayo Akinfenwa celebrates his 200th goal

BLUES: Defender eyes another double hundred Jacobson thrilled with 200 milestone

WANDERERS defender Joe Jacobson has admitted he would love to reach more appearance milestones with Wycombe after making his 200th appearance for the club on Saturday.

Jacobson scored from the spot after Craig Mackail-Smith had been fouled by Kyle McFadzean to set the Blues on their way to a 2-1 victory over Burton Albion.

When asked if he was targeting another 200 appearances at the club, Jacobson said: "I would like to, why not.

"That would take me to 35 or 36. When I first started playing football I used to look at players playing 400 games in their career and I thought that was a ridiculous amount of games.

"I think I have gone past 450 in total and then 500 is a massive achievement and hopefully I can get to that and anything after that is a bonus."

Jacobson coolly dispatched a penalty past Burton keeper Dimitar Evtimov in the first half and admitted he used his usual tactic of waiting as late as possible to make his mind up.

He added: "It was a strange one here as I didn't think about penalties at all for this game.

"I got the ball and their keeper is a big guy so I just hit it low and hard and thankfully he dived the wrong way and it went in the corner."

Jacobson admitted how much he loves Wycombe and he praised boss Gareth Ainsworth for his continued



Joe Jacobson put Wycombe 1-0 up

support. He said: "When I first joined the gaffer and Dobbo [Richard Dobson] worked so hard to bring me here.

"I have meetings with the gaffer throughout the time here. We have a great relationship and I love playing for him and being here."

THE BIG MATCH: Gape fit for Sky Blues encounter

BLUES boss Gareth Ainsworth has confirmed Adebayo Akinfenwa and Dominic Gape will be fit for this Saturday's clash at Coventry City after picking up knocks last weekend. Chairboys supporters feared the worst when Akinfenwa was substituted early on in the second half against Burton, but thankfully he has recovered in time for tomorrow's trip. Gape also picked up a slight injury in that game but Ainsworth is confident both will be available for the match at the Ricoh Arena. Ainsworth said: "Bayo is looking good for Saturday and Gapey looks

good too. "Adam El-Abd also looks good and we are looking like we are back to full fitness with the exception of Anthony Stewart and Nathan Tyson, who are our long-termers. "Marcus Bean is now out training and Sam Saunders is back from his illness. We have a good amount of players to choose from this weekend, which is great for me. "It causes me problems but it is absolutely what I want. I don't want too little to choose from, I want too many and that is what I have." Wycombe hope to improve on their recent record against City.



Gape should be fit for the Coventry game

WANDERERS: On-loan winger enjoying his time at Adams Park Williams grateful for Wycombe role

By Nicholas Tunney

ON-LOAN winger Randell Williams admitted he is loving life at Wycombe Wanderers following his return to the club this summer from Watford. Last season, Williams played a crucial role in helping the Chairboys gain promotion to League One, including an important winner against Yeovil with minutes to spare last April. This term, Williams has shown his class on numerous occasions, with a wonderful goal at Charlton and a superb assist last weekend for Adebayo Akinfenwa among the highlights. When it comes to Wanderers, the loanee explained how happy he is to be back at Adams Park and having a crack at League One. He said: "I am so grateful to Gareth Ainsworth for giving me a chance here. "He has been a huge part of my career and has taken a chance with me and that is all I can ask for as a young player. "I am learning so much from a lot of the guys. It is so easy to play up top with Bayo and we have a good understanding and I am so happy I set up his 200th goal. "The likes of Matt Bloomfield, Craig Mackail-Smith and Joe Jacobson continue to help me a lot and develop as much as I can and I am thankful for every minute." Following on from his man-of-the-match display last weekend, Williams is hopeful to continue that at Coventry City this Saturday. He added: "I am looking forward to it. It should be a good game and it will be a tough test for us against a decent side."



Randell Williams in full flow for Wycombe Wanderers

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Football

Saints wallop their league rivals
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Akinfenwa reaches 200 career goal landmark

Star striker continues to bang in the goals



By Nicholas Tunney

ADEBAYO Akinfenwa credited his Wycombe team-mates for the huge role they have played in getting him to 200 career goals.

Akinfenwa, 36, headed home a trademark goal on Saturday as Wanderers beat Burton Albion 2-1 at Adams Park.

The evergreen forward is in the midst of a purple patch with that goal making it four in four games.

Akinfenwa was delighted at reaching the milestone and praised those round him for helping him

reach that target.

He said: "Strikers say when one comes they keeping coming and the Norwich goal broke my duck and since then I haven't stopped scoring.

"It is nice to reach the landmark but most importantly it was a nice feeling to get the win.

"I have to put the plaudits down to Randell [Williams], it was a great ball in and those are the type of crosses that over the years, I lust over.

"The eyes opened up and when he floated it in, I knew when it hit my

head it was going to end up in the net. It was nice for it to be the second goal as it gave us a cushion.

"For me, going off with an injury, it was a shame as I had to leave the battle. Watching the game I was so nervous and the boys did great to see the game out and it is a great three points on the board."

Manager Gareth Ainsworth added: "In the week he told me that it was great that he could get to 200 goals in a Wycombe shirt.

"He has 40 goals for us in just over two seasons and that is a phenomenal return. There were a few eye-

brows raised when I signed him and it has turned out brilliantly.

"He is an awesome guy. Take the playing out of it, you would have him as a friend next to you because that is the type of person he is.

"Add that to a fantastic career he has had, we have a really special talent here at the club.

"He works hard on the mental side of the game and he helps the other players and I am really proud of him.

"To reach 200 goals in a career is an amazing achievement and we really are getting the best out of him."



'Coventry flair is a threat'

Wycombe Wanderers

WANDERERS manager Gareth Ainsworth claimed he isn't surprised at Coventry City's promising start to the season as they prepare to lock horns on Saturday at the Ricoh Arena (kick off 3pm).

Last season, the Sky Blues did the double over Wanderers and they won the play-offs on their journey to League One.

Ainsworth, above, praised the job Mark Robins has done at Coventry and expects a stern test tomorrow.

He said: "They were probably the best footballing side in League Two last year.

"They went under the radar a bit and Mark has them playing well.

"We have lost our last four games against them in the Checkatrade Trophy and in the league and we are well aware of that.

"We are in a good place at the moment and I feel we can continue to carry on this little run we are on."

Ainsworth feels that 16 teams will be fighting relegation this campaign with eight teams, in his opinion, set to start pulling away.

He added: "We will all be scrapping away to avoid relegation.

"There are big clubs in this league and we will judge it after 46 games and see where we are.

"Coventry are a big club and they will be building to get back in the Championship, I am sure."

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