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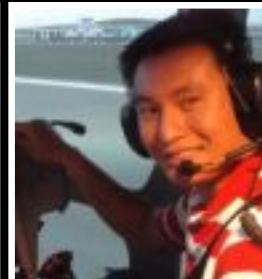
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COMMENT

With
NICHOLAS TUNNEY

More FA Cup magic?



WELL, it has been an interesting start to a week where Wanderers find themselves playing in three different competition in seven days. I was at the Peterborough match and I thought their performance in beating Steve Evans' side, one of the favourites for promotion, was their best display of the season so far.

With the news that Adebayo Akinfenwa wouldn't be playing due to injury, it sent ripples round the ground that the Blues could be in for a tough afternoon.

However, the front four of Alex Samuel, Fred Onyedinma, Paris Cowan-Hall and Randall Williams were a real pain for the Posh defence and their pace troubled their back four all afternoon.

Defensively, the Chairboys were excellent and Ryan Allsop made two superb saves to keep the top scorers in the country shut out.

If Wycombe continue to play in that fashion, they will be a match for anyone in League One and shows that without Akinfenwa, they have a system up front that works against the better sides in the division.

However, they were brought back down to earth as they lost 3-0 to rivals Oxford United in the Checkatrade Trophy on Tuesday evening.

After such a good start in the competition, it was very disappointing to see them get knocked out after reaching the semi-finals in the 2016/17 campaign.

I wasn't there, but I'm sure Gareth Ainsworth was disappointed to see his side give up that spot in the next round and a chance of getting to Wembley.

Attention now turns to the FA Cup on Saturday and a tasty fixture against League One rivals Luton Town.

These two sides have played some epic matches against each other the years and I am sure Saturday at Kenilworth Road will be no different.

Whether Ainsworth wanted a high-profile match like this remains to be seen. He certainly couldn't have got a much harder contest.

However, Wycombe have won four of their last five matches at Kenilworth Road and that will give them some encouragement against a side who are unbeaten at home in all competitions this term.

If Wanderers can replicate the performance against Peterborough they will certainly give the Hatters a run for their money as they look to get to the second round and ever closer to match with the big boys in the third round.

**Anyone for Tottenham again?
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Wycombe Wanderers

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Last five league games:
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THIS week we look back at Luton's last League One game, a 0-0 draw with Rochdale last Saturday at Spotland

Ten-man Luton held on to secure a point from a goalless League One draw at Rochdale.

The visitors were under the cosh for long periods of the game but stood firm even after Danny Hylton was dismissed 20 minutes from time.

The home side had the lion's share of possession and enjoyed chances throughout.

Ian Henderson went close to netting his 100th goal for Rochdale early on but the Dale skipper was denied as James Shea diverted his effort wide.

In the 17th minute a Luton attack broke down and Dale raced upfield through Matt Done, who picked out Brad Inman's run into the opposition penalty area.

However, the ball was slightly stuck beneath his feet and Inman's connection was not strong enough to beat Shea.

The chances kept coming for Dale, a goalmouth scramble seeing Done then Jordan Williams denied by some desperate Luton defending.

Luton were reduced to 10 men in the 72nd minute when Hylton was shown a straight red card for a stamping challenge on Henderson.

Substitute Zach Clough had Dale's best effort late on, smashing a curling effort against the crossbar.

Manager Nathan Jones said: "Probably for the first time for long, long, long, long time, we've got something we probably didn't really deserve if I'm honest.

"But we stuck at it, we had to change shape, we showed great resilience, a clean sheet away from home and we had to ride our luck a little bit.

"If you get what you deserve in football then we'd have beaten Blackpool and we'd have beaten Doncaster and we'd have five more points, and then I'd have accepted defeat here quite comfortably."



Danny Hylton

GALLERY: Wanderers 1-0 Posh



Gareth Ainsworth and Steve Evans



Celebrations with Bryn Morris and Jason McCarthy



Randell Williams



Dominic Gape



The Wycombe players celebrate Morris' strike



Wycombe fans



Supporters look on



Wycombe fan



In the CHAIR

One from the archives



Wycombe v Spurs

WITH the FA Cup back again for another season, we look back at Wycombe's most memorable match in the competition in recent years as they faced Tottenham in the fourth round on January 28, 2017

Wycombe Wanderers were left heartbroken as their incredible display at White Hart Lane ended in vain as Spurs came back from 2-0 down to score in the 96th minute to win 4-3 after a truly riveting FA Cup fourth round clash.

Heung-Min Son was the villain at White Hart Lane as he steered home past Jamal Blackman in the sixth minute of stoppage time to beat an amazing Wanderers side, ranked 70 places below them in the league ladder.

Substitute Garry Thompson thought he had snatched the win ner with seven minutes to go as he thumped home a superb header from fellow sub Myles Weston's brilliant cross to send the 4,000 Wanderers fans into meltdown.

However, Dele Alli came off the bench to slot home with two minutes to go to give a re-lieved Spurs a lifeline before Son's intervention. Ainsworth's men took the game to Spurs and Paul Hayes scored a sensational volley on 23 minutes.

The away supporters were sent into delirium once again on 35 minutes when Hayes coolly converted a penalty after Sam Wood had been fouled by Cameron Carter-Vickers.

Mauricio Pochettino's side fought their way back into the game in the second half. Son scored after 59 minutes when he beat Jamal Blackman at his near post.

Five minutes later, Vincent Janssen scored from the penalty spot after he was impeded inside the box by Aaron Pierre before the drama of the last 10 minutes.

Manager Gareth Ainsworth was emotional afterwards. He said: "They have done me proud, they have done themselves proud and they have done the whole town proud.

"I was gutted at the end but the overriding emotion now is what we have achieved and how far we have come as a club."

WANDERERS

Ainsworth praises players' application

By Nicholas Tunney

WYCOMBE manager Gareth Ainsworth explained he was really proud of his players' application as they beat high-flying Peterborough 1-0 in a thrilling encounter at Adams Park.

A deflected Bryn Morris free kick was good enough to beat Posh, who came into the game unbeaten away from home in League One this season and as joint top scorers in the country in all four divisions.

Overall, Wycombe deserved the three points in a tight match and Ainsworth reserved praise for his victorious players.

He said: "I am really proud of the application that the boys put in.

"People will say we have defended well and we did defend well, but don't discount the way the forwards defended and the way they set up.

"Myself, Dobbo [Richard Dobson] and Andy [Fairman] came up with a plan, but the players have to keep to that plan and they take all the credit.

"They were dropping when they needed to drop and pressing when they needed. We defended so well as a unit.

"I knew Peterborough would break well on the counter, but we were sharp and broke play up.

"Ryan Allsop made a couple of great saves but so did Aaron Chapman for Peterborough.

"All-in-all, I think we deserved the win."

The victory came without their talisman Adebayo Akinfenwa, who picked up an injury, as well as the likes of Michael Harriman and



Gareth Ainsworth

Matt Bloomfield, who are also on the sidelines.

Ainsworth hailed the strength of the squad he has to choose from and admitted it was a crucial time of year to try and avoid injuries.

He added: "This time of year, you get injuries.

"I am sure we will have it, but I have real faith in my medical staff to get key players fit for the big occasion and what we need to do.



Bryn Morris

"It is important that the squad is strong. Those who are sat on the bench will definitely get a chance.

"I thought Alex Samuel led the line really well. One game doesn't make a season but it is a good message when we do that against a side like Peterborough."

WYCOMBE WANDERERS: Allsop, McCarthy, Charles, El-Abd, Jacobson, Cowan-Hall (sub: Thompson, 87), Morris, Gape, Onyedima,

Samuel (sub: Mackail-Smith, 81), Williams. Subs: Ma-Kalambay, Bean, Freeman, Kashket, Jombati.

PETERBOROUGH UNITED: Chapman, Naismith, Tafazolli, Bennett, Denton (sub: Walker, 78), Ward, Reed, Woodyard, Dembele (sub: Maddison, 73), Godden (sub: Cummings, 63), Toney. Subs: Tyler, O'Hara, Cooper, Bassong.

REFEREE: Ben Toner
ATTENDANCE: 5,225

WYCOMBE: Skipper hails goalkeeper Ryan Allsop El-Abd: It was a complete display

WANDERERS skipper Adam El-Abd felt Wycombe's 1-0 victory against Peterborough was possibly their most complete performance of the season so far.

El-Abd was man-of-the-match as the Blues kept at bay the joint highest scorers in the country and the captain was full of praise for the way the team went about their business.

He said: "It was right up there as one of best displays.

"It was against one of the better sides in the league. They aren't near the top by fluke. They are up there because they are a good side and they gave us a very tough game.

"The gaffer and Dobbo gave us the platform to be able to work off and it worked to an absolute tee, and

thankfully we got the win."

El-Abd also felt a turning point was the superb save Ryan Allsop made from Matt Godden 10 minutes before the Chairboys took the lead.

He added: "I think that was a massive turning point.

"If it goes in you have to chase the game and goals change games and mindsets and the whole complexion of the match.

"Ryan deserves all the plaudits because that was a game-saving moment and he came up trumps for us."

El-Abd added: "We heard about all the Peterborough stats before the game and it was really pleasing to get the win.

"We had to rely on Rocky [Allsop] a couple of times and it makes it all



Adam El-Abd was in superb form against Peterborough

the more pleasing.

"It was a great clean sheet for him and us. It was great to play alongside Darius Charles for the first

time and it was a good start for us. He has bags of experience and he played very well and it is something to build on."

Jacobson looking forward to Luton FA Cup fixture

WYCOMBE defender Joe Jacobson says the squad are relishing this Saturday's FA Cup clash with Luton Town at Kenilworth Road (3pm ko). The Blues have a fearsome tie against the Hatters tomorrow, with Luton unbeaten at home in all competitions this season. Jacobson is expecting a tough test and admitted the Chairboys are looking forward to the challenge of testing themselves against one of League One's biggest teams. He said: "We are really looking forward to this one. "The FA Cup is a huge competition for us, especially the further down

the leagues you go. The players have the potential to get to the third round to face one of the big boys and to have that carrot there is huge. "We want to put in a good performance. We have done well there in recent years and hopefully we can go there and put in another good display and get in the hat for the second round." Wycombe have received a boost with the news that Luton star striker Danny Hylton is banned. Jacobson added: "He is a very good player so it is a boost for us, but they have good resources there and they will be a test for us."



Joe Jacobson looked ahead to this weekend's game with Luton

WANDERERS: Checktrade Trophy adventure over for Blues Chairboys dumped out by rivals

By Oli Thomas

WYCOMBE Wanderers have been eliminated from the Checktrade Trophy after Oxford United secured a 3-0 away victory at Adams Park. Goals from Cameron Brannagan and Marcus Browne gave the U's a two-goal cushion going into half time before Sam Smith tapped in from close range to seal Oxford's place into the next round of the competition. Gareth Ainsworth made eight changes to his starting 11, resting a number of regular first-team players, with one eye on Wycombe's weekend clash against Luton Town in the FA Cup. The Chairboys got off to the worst possible start when the visitors took the lead from what was the first attack of the game just 20 seconds in. Gavin Whyte dinked the ball towards the back post from the right which found Brannagan, whose diving header glided into the top-right corner. The U's dominated the first half where they created numerous chances in the final third, and Oxford came close to scoring a second goal just 16 minutes in when Browne's effort from a tight angle smashed into the side netting. Oxford continued to pile pressure on the Wycombe backline and that persistence eventually paid off as the U's doubled their lead half an hour in when Browne's trickery inside the penalty box deceived Charlie Fox, giving the attacker space to rifle his effort in off the crossbar from a tight angle. Wycombe now face Luton Town at Kenilworth Road on Saturday in the FA Cup (3pm).



Yves Ma-Kalambay was unable to prevent Wycombe going out

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superb year
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Another step closer to a new Blues era?

American investors meet Trust members



Wycombe Wanderers supporters could see their club in the hands of American investors

By Nicholas Tunney

WYCOMBE Wanderers Trust members met the men who want to help push the club onto greater things on Wednesday.

Around 300 people were invited to an evening meeting at Adams Park with Bill Luby and Jim Collis – the American investors who want a 75 per cent stake in the club.

Luby and Collis, who were on Derby County's board for eight years, have also owned nine baseball teams in the USA and Trust

members posed questions to the pair about the future of Wanderers and their vision for it.

The 634 Legacy members will have their say and vote on whether they want the duo to join as investors.

A series of questions were greeted warmly by Luby and Collis as well as chairman Trevor Stroud, and one of the most important queries for members was the future of current manager, Gareth Ainsworth.

Stroud said: "Gareth is complete-

ly committed to moving the club forward with us. Having met Bill and Jim, Gareth wants the same thing and nothing will change at all.

"With all the success Gareth has had on a limited budget, it is scary to think what he can do if he is given funds for transfers."

Luby added: "What Gareth has done here is amazing for a number of years and when we were at Derby, we had Nigel Clough there for six years so stability is a key thing for us."

Other questions posed to the panel

included how to attract more supporters to Adams Park on matchdays.

Collis said: "If we get on board, we want to increase attendances and the way of getting in and out of Adams Park on a matchday.

"Instead of attendances of 4,000, we want to get that up to 5,000 or 6,000 and we want to get ideas of how we can do that.

"We also would like to improve ways of getting in and getting out of the stadium."

See the website for more.



Boss sets sights on cup run

Wycombe Wanderers

WITH 17 League One games already gone, Wycombe boss Gareth Ainsworth feels his players have exceeded expectations so far.

The Blues currently sit seven points off the play-offs and six points off relegation in 15th place, and Ainsworth is satisfied with the way things stand so far.

He said: "I think we have exceeded expectations so far.

"I was worried about coming up as we are a Trust-owned club, which in this league is very tough.

"Portsmouth are Trust-owned but their model is very different. We have to work on what we generate ourselves and to be in this position after 17 games is massive credit to the boys and the fans who have got behind us.

"I said I want to make a noise and it will be a huge noise if we can keep up the ratio of the points at the moment as that will end up with survival. That would be fantastic for this football club and that is my sole aim in the league this season."

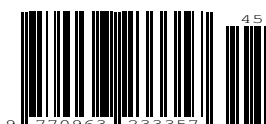
Attention turns away from League One this weekend as Wycombe are set to face Luton in the first round of the FA Cup at Kenilworth Road on Saturday (3pm).

Ainsworth is under no illusions as to how tough a draw this is. He added: "I think both managers would have preferred a different draw.

"We have enough scraps in the league and it is going to be a highly-charged atmosphere.

"There is a huge difference in the clubs and we always tend to put in performances against Luton and upset the formbook."

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