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Woman kidnapped in street

By Stephanie Wareham

A WOMAN was attacked and kidnapped in broad daylight in Loudwater last week - and police have not yet been able to trace the female.

Between 9.45am and 10.15am on Monday (November 12), the attack-

er was seen getting out of a car and assaulting a woman in her thirties, in Kingsmead Road.

The offender - whose gender has not been released by police probing the attack - then pulled the woman into a three door, dark coloured BMW.

Investigating officer, detective con-

stable Thomas Digby, of Force CID at High Wycombe police station, said: "We are trying to identify the parties involved, who we believe are known to each other, and we are appealing for anyone who may have seen something or has any information which may assist the investigation.

"We have not yet been able to trace the victim, so anyone with any knowledge of this incident is encouraged to contact police as soon as possible.

"We would also encourage any motorists with dash-cam footage to come forward if they were driving down Kingsmead Road during

the times of the offence on Monday morning, as this would be very helpful to our investigation."

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COMMENT

With
**NICHOLAS
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A tactical masterclass



WHAT a fantastic result at Sunderland for everyone associated with Wycombe Wanderers.

Unfortunately, I could not be at the Stadium of Light for the magnificent 1-1 draw at the weekend, but by all accounts it was a performance to remember and savour.

I was keeping tabs on the result throughout the afternoon and roared in adulation when I saw Fred had given the Blues the lead.

It left a slightly sour taste in my mouth that Sunderland equalised with five minutes to go, but in all fairness, getting a point from a team who had won eight on the bounce in all competi-

tions is a superb effort.

Even more so when you consider the stadium, the resources and the ambition of the Black Cats, it is a result that can send a message to the rest of League One; Wycombe Wanderers are to be taken seriously this season.

Lots of people would have had Sunderland down as a home banker, but the Chairboys are unbeaten against the top three sides in the division and obviously relish that tag of being underdogs once again.

It was great to see Matt Ingram back in a Wycombe shirt at the weekend and if he does only make one appearance for Wanderers this season, he has more than played his part, especially after such a great save at the death to deny Max Power.

It was a shame to be told the news by Gaz that both Ryan Allsop and Yves M'Kalambay would be out for an extended period of time.

Ryan, especially, has been in brilliant form in recent weeks so this goalkeeping issue is a bit of a sticking point, but it was very shrewd to get Matt in as he has played with a lot of these guys before.

Alex Samuel has already endeared himself to the Wycombe faithful with his all-action displays. To see him get an extended deal last weekend is totally deserved. He is going to be a big player for the Blues.

Onto the Shrewsbury game tomorrow and Wanderers should be full of confidence going into this. Four wins on the bounce at Adams Park makes excellent reading.

However, Shrewsbury have had a bit of upheaval in recent weeks with John Askey leaving his post as manager and Danny Coyne has stepped into the hot-seat.

They had a very good win against Rochdale last weekend and this will be a tricky test. But I back the Chairboys to continue that winning feeling. COYB!

Wycombe Wanderers

VS

Shrewsbury Town

Last five league games:
WWLWD

Last five league games:
LWLWW

OPPOSITION VIEW



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IN this week's Opposition View, we take a look at the recent record of Shrewsbury Town.

With the recent sacking of John Askey, Danny Coyne has stepped into the Salop hot-seat and in their last League One encounter, they enjoyed an excellent 3-2 win against Rochdale.

Ollie Norburn scored twice for Salop as they sealed an important triumph.

Fejiri Okanabirhie was also on target as Shrewsbury, who parted company with manager John Askey earlier this week, came out on top despite goals from Brad Inman and Jordan Williams for the visitors.

Shrewsbury started brightly with Aaron Amadi-Holloway firing narrowly wide after being set up by Josh Laurent, before Okanabirhie's low shot was stopped by visiting goalkeeper Magnus Norman.

Shrewsbury moved ahead in the 32nd minute when Okanabirhie was upended by Sam Hart and Norburn scored from the penalty spot.

Rochdale equalised on the stroke of half-time as Inman, set up by a pass from Stephen Dooley, found the net from just inside the penalty area with a composed finish.

Williams then fired the visitors in front just before the hour, slamming home a low shot from the edge of the box.

But Shrewsbury were quickly level, Okanabirhie converting Laurent's cross.

The winning goal followed seven minutes later as midfielder Norburn's low drive from 20 yards took a deflection on its way in for his fifth goal of the season.

Coyne said: "Players have to do it for themselves as well, they've got to do it for themselves and their team-mates. "When they do that, it doesn't matter who's in charge. "You saw what it meant to them when they scored and how they reacted. You can see the passion."



Danny Coyne

In the CHAIR



Wycombe forward Alex Samuel



Alex Samuel

WYCOMBE Wanderers have extended Alex Samuel's contract with the Chairboys until June 2021.

The forward was handed a short-term deal in the summer and has impressed in his 10 appearances so far, scoring twice and laying on two assists.

Gareth Ainsworth said: "Alex was a player who we'd seen play a few times before coming here and he fitted the bill perfectly in terms of his ability but also his hard work ethic and character around the place.

"He's the type of player that fans love to see – he never stops working, he's direct, he loves a battle and he plays with a smile on his face.

"He'd had a serious injury prior to signing for us so he's had to be patient for his opportunity while he builds up his match sharpness, but he's grabbed that chance with both hands and fully deserves his new contract.

"I believe he'll only get better and we're all excited to see what he can achieve over the next two and a half years and beyond."

Samuel, himself, was delighted to sign a new deal to remain at Adams Park.

He said: "It is absolutely amazing to sign a new contract.

"It is terrific to get it done and it has been negotiated for a few weeks and I am delighted to be a part of this club for another two years and am really looking forward to it.

"I came here on trial in the summer as I had just recovered from a serious injury.

"Initially, I landed with that so I didn't expect to be signing so soon, but I have been playing and doing well so it has been good."

Samuel was playing for League Two side Stevenage last term and explained the differences between League Two and League One.

He added: "League One is a lot quicker.

"It is another level fitness-wise. There are a lot of good players playing at this level. There are some Premier League players in this division.

"I feel like I am doing well and enjoying the battle and just getting on with it."

WANDERERS

Ainsworth praises a 'special day' for Blues

By Nicholas Tunney

WYCOMBE Wanderers manager Gareth Ainsworth hailed a "special day" for his side as they drew 1-1 against League One favourites Sunderland at the Stadium of Light.

Fred Onyedinma had given the Blues a deserved lead on 67 minutes, rifling home from 15 yards to send the Chairboys fans into raptures.

However, Josh Maja grabbed an equaliser for the home side with five minutes to go but Wanderers put in a display which drew praise from observers at the match.

The Blues were the better side in the opening 45 minutes and despite an excellent save at the death by Matt Ingram, Wycombe deserved the draw.

Ainsworth said: "It was a really good day and one of those special days that the fans will remember.

"I thought we were the better team in the first half but they came back strongly in the second half, as you would expect them to.

"To come away with a point from the Stadium of Light is really special for Wycombe."

Over 1,000 Wanderers supporters travelled north for the game and Ainsworth reserved special praise for the impact they had during the match.

He added: "I had hairs standing up on the back of my neck when I went over to them at the end there.

"It was a special moment as a manager and I wanted to show we could perform on the big stage.

"It was a great finish from Fred and our fans never stopped singing.



Ainsworth was proud of his side's draw



Matt Ingram was in great form

Matt Ingram made a fantastic save at the end and I am over the moon to get a point.

"The players have to do it on the pitch. They were brilliant."

Ingram made his second 'debut' and performed flawlessly between the sticks for the Blues.

The on-loan QPR man signed for seven days, meaning he was only available for this game and Ainsworth is keeping his fingers crossed

that he can strike up another deal for the next couple of fixtures.

He added: "I want him to be back in a Wycombe shirt again. I think he wants to keep playing. I would love him to stay but I am sure we will have to work hard to get someone in as Ryan [Allsop] and Yves [Ma-Kalambay] will be out for a few weeks."

WYCOMBE WANDERERS: Ingram, McCarthy, Jombati, El-Abd,

Jacobson, Gape, Morris Thompson, Onyedinma (sub: Cowan-Hall, 90), Samuel (sub: Mackail-Smith, 82), Williams (sub: Tyson, 73). Subs: Yates, Stewart, Bean, Kashket.

SUNDERLAND: McLaughlin, Matthews, Flanagan, Baldwin, James (sub: Oviedo, 75), Honeyman, McGeouch (sub: Power, 54), Gooch, Maguire, McGeady, Sinclair (sub: Maja, 75). Subs: Looovens, Ozturk, O'Nien, Ruiter.

WYCOMBE: Loanee continues his excellent form Onyedinma: We proved a real point

WYCOMBE forward Fred Onyedinma explained that he thought Wanderers more than proved themselves against League One promotion hopefuls Sunderland as they got a deserved 1-1 draw the Stadium of Light on Saturday.

The Millwall loanee thrashed home the opening goal in the north-east, which saw the visitors come close to taking all three points before Josh Maja struck a late equaliser.

The 21-year-old was a constant thorn in the side of the Mackems defence, with his pace and trickery proving a real threat to a side who had won their previous eight matches in all competitions before this one, as well as keeping four league clean sheets in a row in

climbing to second.

Onyedinma said: "It's a beautiful atmosphere to play in here; the stadium is so big and I'm delighted to score here, but more importantly we're delighted to get a point because it's such a difficult place to come.

"We prepared well during the week, we knew what we had to do and I think we proved a point today."

Onyedinma has three goals in his last five league games and has been in dazzling form since returning to Adams Park after a hugely successful spell in south Bucks during the 2014/15 campaign.

He added: "I don't mind playing anywhere, as long as I'm doing well. "I'm contributing goals and as-



Fred Onyedinma gave the Blues the lead at the Stadium of Light

sists, and I'm always looking forward to the next game and playing with a smile on my face and being positive.

"We're pleased with how it's gone [at Sunderland] and now we're going to recover, prepare for the next match and hopefully get the win."

Stockdale joins Chairboys on emergency loan

WYCOMBE Wanderers have secured the emergency loan signing of goalkeeper David Stockdale, who joins the Chairboys on a seven-day deal from Birmingham City.

The 33-year-old was in the PFA Championship Team of the Year just two seasons ago, after helping Brighton & Hove Albion reach the Premier League, and was first-choice for Birmingham last year after signing that summer.

However, he is yet to feature for the Blues so far this season, but played three times on loan for Southend United in September, and now returns to League One in time for Wy-

combe's double-header of fixtures against Shrewsbury Town and Accrington Stanley.

The move follows injuries to both Ryan Allsop and Yves Ma-Kalambay, which left Wanderers without a senior goalkeeper available.

Chairboys manager Gareth Ainsworth was delighted to secure the deal. He said: "David comes to us with a fantastic pedigree, having played at all professional levels in the country and receiving an England call-up.

"We have no doubts that he'll be more than capable of coming straight into the side and performing to a very high standard for us."



David Stockdale has joined on an emergency loan from Birmingham

BLUES: Ainsworth: Shrews test will be as tough as Sunderland Gareth: We have to be at our best

By Nicholas Tunney

WYCOMBE boss Gareth Ainsworth admitted the home game against Shrewsbury on Saturday will be just as tough as their previous match against Sunderland, as they bid for five home league wins in a row.

The Chairboys came away with a 1-1 draw against the Black Cats last weekend and Shrewsbury themselves have turned a corner under temporary manager Danny Coyne.

Ainsworth wants his players firing on all cylinders against the Shrews. He said: "Shrewsbury look like a weight has been lifted off them.

"They are playing with freedom and Danny has changed the system, which we have looked at.

"They played on Wednesday [against Salford in the FA Cup] but that has no bearing on Saturday's game.

"We are going to have to be at our absolute best. This is going to be as big as Sunderland because of the proximity of the teams in the league and I am excited but I also very aware we are going to be in for a tough run on Saturday."

Injured players are also close to coming back to first-team action and Ainsworth is hoping the likes of Adebayo Akinfenwa and Matt Bloomfield will be in contention for the next two games.

He added: "They are very close. Blooms is a bit further away than Bayo but we are hoping those guys can play a part in the next two games.

"It is great to see Anthony Stewart, Nathan Tyson and Michael Harriman back to full fitness and look forward to Saturday."



Ainsworth hopes his side make it five League 1 wins on the bounce at Adams Park

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El-Abd: Very proud to reach 500 landmark

Blues skipper reflects on his superb career



El-Abd has been an inspired signing for Wycombe

By Nicholas Tunney

WYCOMBE Wanderers captain Adam El-Abd is closing in on 500 career games, an achievement he explained he is "proud" of as he prepares to face old club Shrewsbury on Saturday.

El-Abd, 34, will reach the milestone should he play against the Shrews and then Accrington Stanley away on Tuesday evening.

The former Brighton defender admitted he didn't realise he was closing in on that landmark but

looked back with pride on his career.

He said: "I am very proud to play 500 games. Accrington away will be like any other game but it is a proud milestone to hit.

"It is difficult to pick a standout game off the top of my head as there has been so many but it has been a great journey so far."

One moment that vividly sticks in El-Abd's mind is when Wanderers won promotion at Chesterfield away last season.

He added: "With Gapey [Dominic

Gapey] getting the winner that has got to be one of the best moments.

"We were 1-0 down and we were aware that the results were going for us, it only heightened the anxiety of us achieving promotion.

"Thankfully when Gapey smashed it in, it was a euphoric moment."

Wanderers manager Gareth Ainsworth paid tribute to El-Abd and the amazing career he has had in his 15 years as a professional.

He said: "He is a real warrior.

"He is the first to say that he has had a much travelled career in the

past few years.

"Adam was brilliant at Brighton but I think he has flitted from club to club and now he has found a really good home here at Wycombe.

"He has been absolutely superb for us and he has been solid in the games we have won this season.

"Adam is so calm on the pitch but he will be there in a scrap if you need him.

"Coming up to 500 games is a great achievement and I am sure he will be looking forward to getting one over on Shrewsbury."



Hatton eyes World Cup gold

Golf

TYRRELL Hatton is in Australia this week as he represents England at the Metropolitan Golf Club in Melbourne.

Hatton will be teeing it up for England alongside Ryder Cup legend Ian Poulter as 28 teams go head-to-head over four days Down Under.

The format is 72-hole strokeplay. The first and third days are fourball and the second and final days are foursomes, or alternate shot.

Former Great Marlow School student Hatton and Poulter have a realistic shot at claiming the title and are one of the favourites to win the 59th edition of the World Cup.

Their main opponents will be Australia's Marc Leishman and Cameron Smith and the USA's pairing of Matt Kuchar and Kyle Stanley.

Hatton told channelnewsasia: "I am fiery and I always give it my best. I think in a team situation you're always trying maybe a little bit harder to make sure you hit better shots.

"I find that this format will be a little bit more relaxing than playing just your own ball.

"Obviously having Ian there, we get on well, so we'll be able to kind of have a chat in between shots depending - well, depends on how bad the shot I've just hit is.

"But no, it will be fine, team events are no problem and I can keep my head on if I need to."

Hatton has had an excellent season without winning. He made his Ryder Cup debut in September at Le Golf National and made the cut in all four Majors.

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