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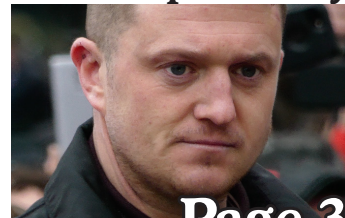
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El-Abd shown red as Tykes prove too good

**BARNSELY 2
WYCOMBE WANDERERS 1**

WYCOMBE Wanderers lost for the second game in a row to one of League One's promotion favourites after an incident-packed 2-1 defeat at Barnsley on Saturday.

Gareth Ainsworth's men were well beaten at leaders Luton Town a few days earlier and came up short once again at Barnsley, who strengthened their grip on second place in the table.

And the ramifications of the Oakwell defeat will be felt for some time as Adam El-Abd received a straight red card for violent conduct late on which will result in a three-match ban.

Ainsworth made three changes from the side that lost 3-0 at Luton with Alex Samuel, Luke Bolton and Nick Freeman replacing Nathan Tyson, Matt Bloomfield and Adebayo Akinfenwa.

The visitors started brightly and Bolton's early corner required a goal-line clearance from Tykes keeper Adam Davies.

Bolton then teed up Freeman whose shot deflected behind for a corner, with Barnsley still yet to settle.

However, it was Barnsley who took the lead with a Cauley Woodrow penalty on 13 minutes.

A Daniel Pinillos effort deflected wide, but Wycombe failed to clear the danger and Bolton brought down Mike Bahre, with referee Matthew Donohue pointing to the spot and Woodrow firing into the corner.

Tykes quickly grew in confidence as a long-range drive from Pinillos took a nick off a defender forcing an outstanding save from Ryan Allsop.

But Wanderers wasted a gilt-edged chance to equalise when Freeman's first-time shot from McCarthy's cross was blocked by the legs of

Davies. However, Wanderers were also indebted to a crucial stop by Allsop to bravely deny Alex Mowatt just before the interval.

Nevertheless, the visitors remained a threat after the break with Alex Samuel close to turning home an equaliser before Bolton fired straight at Davies.

Sadly, it was to be Bolton's last input as he went down motionless near the corner flag after being caught by an accidental arm and was eventually replaced by Tyson.

A lengthy delay appeared to take the wind out of Wycombe's sails and when play restarted, Cameron McGeehan stung Allsop's hands from distance.

But Wycombe's resistance was broken again when Barnsley doubled their lead in the 64th minute when Woodrow collected a Jacob Brown centre and fired into the roof of the net.

Ainsworth wasted little time in making a double change with Akinfenwa and Scott Kashket replacing Freeman and Paris Cowan-Hall.

Yet further chances arrived for the home side as McGeehan and Brown went close before Woodrow was denied a hat-trick by a fine Allsop save.

Even so, Ainsworth's men refused to give up only for Davies to deny Tyson from close range.

A feisty 10 minutes of stoppage time for Bolton's injury followed. And five minutes into that Wycombe lost El-Abd to a straight red card.

Dominic Gape went face-to-face with McGeehan and, as El-Abd looked to restrain the Tykes midfielder, the referee produced a red after consulting with the fourth official.

More drama was to follow as Wycombe pulled one back in the dying seconds, with Joe Jacobson slotting a penalty past Davies after Kashket



Joe Jacobson scored a late penalty in Wycombe's defeat at Barnsley

had been tripped.

But there was no time for Wanderers to snatch a second goal as their winless run extended to four matches.

BARNSELY: Davies, Pinillos, Lindsay, Pinnock, Cavare, Mowatt (Douglas 87), McGeehan, Bahre (Adeboyejo 86), Thiam (Hedges 63), Woodrow, Brown. **Subs not used:** Walton, Green, Jackson, Styles.

Booked: McGeehan.

WYCOMBE: Allsop, Coelho Jombati, El-Abd, Gape, Jacobson, McCarthy, Freeman (Akinfenwa 67), Bolton (Tyson 61), Thompson, Samuel, Cowan-Hall (Kashket 67). **Subs not used:** Stewart, Bean, Bloomfield, Yates. **Booked:** Jacobson, McCarthy, Tyson. **Red card:** El-Abd.

REFEREE: Matt Donohue. **ATTENDANCE:** 11,821.

Cup loss for ladies

WYCOMBE WANDERERS LADIES

WYCOMBE Wanderers Ladies put up a brave resistance before eventually succumbing to a 3-0 defeat to MK Dons Ladies in the Berks & Bucks Cup semi-final on Sunday afternoon.

Separated by three divisions, the two sides were well-matched for much of the tie, and it took the visitors 35 minutes to find the breakthrough, with Amy Gooderham firing home.

Wycombe missed a golden chance to level in the second period and conceded two more goals late on, with Charley Clarke scoring twice, securing the Dons' place in the final.

The Chairgirls now turn their attentions to another semi-final - this time in the League Cup - against Southampton this Sunday at Bisham Abbey (2pm ko).

Leaders sink Rams

BEACONSFIELD TOWN FC

BEACONSFIELD Town were beaten 2-1 at home by Southern Premier South leaders Taunton Town on Saturday.

Rams' mixture of youth and experience more than held their own at Holloways Park against a Taunton side on course for back-to-back promotions.

Boss Gary Meakin was missing Ravan Constable through suspension and Bajram Pa-Shaj with an injury, so he handed debuts to Hayes & Yeading loan keeper Jack Smith and new signing Thomas Gogo from Staines.

Brendan Matthew dragged an early effort wide for the home side and then fired over in a bright start for the hosts.

And even though Taunton looked dangerous out wide through Ollie Chamberlain and Andrew Neal, Rams keeper Jack Smith did not have to save a single shot on target during a goalless first half.

Taunton's Ed Palmer nodded over from a corner soon after the restart, but it was Beaconsfield who broke the deadlock on 49 minutes, Matthew directing a superb header into the corner from a Louis Stead cross after fine work by Jon-Jo Bates in midfield.

However, Rams sat back on their lead and Taunton grabbed a controversial equaliser in the 62nd minute when Dan Sullivan's shot from the edge of the area nestled in the far corner despite appearing to strike teammate Ollie Chamberlain in an offside position on its way in.

Meakins men continued to create chances, but they were undone by Palmer's almost comical late winner.

Sullivan's shot from 20 yards struck the left-hand upright, spun up off the face of the bar, fell to Matt Wright who somehow hit the other post from less than a yard - only for Palmer to eventually bundle the ball home.

But the visitors also relied on a superb save from Lloyd Irish to deny Charlie Losasso a last-gasp equaliser for Rams.

Beaconsfield are 12th in the table and travel to Kings Langley in ninth this Saturday (3pm ko).

No complaints from boss Ainsworth

BOSS Gareth Ainsworth had few complaints about Wycombe Wanderers' defeat at Barnsley on Saturday.

The visitors were more than a match for their promotion-chasing hosts and there was little in the contest until midway through the

second half.

Wanderers were battling hard to cancel out a Cauley Woodrow first-half penalty for the home side at that stage.

Then came the turning point of the game as Luke Bolton was forced off with a serious head injury just minutes before Woodrow doubled Barnsley's lead.

Joe Jacobson did pull one back in stoppage time, but it was too little too late.

Ainsworth said: "Luke's fine and that's the most important thing because it looked a lot worse than it could have been.

"I think the momentum of the game changed after that point. We'd had a really good spell and I always believe in us to score and create something, but the second goal was a killer.

"That left us with an uphill battle



Above, Wycombe boss Gareth Ainsworth; Left, Adam El-Abd

and it was tough to take, but you have to credit Barnsley. They're a good side and, on the whole, they edged it.

"The had some decent chances and ours were few and far between, but we gave a real good account of ourselves and I just felt it was slop-

py to concede in the way we did."

The clash at Oakwell was not without its controversy as referee Matthew Donohue awarded the home side a debatable penalty which Woodrow converted and dished out a straight red card to Wycombe's Adam El-Abd deep into injury time.

However, Ainsworth refused to point the finger at the match officials, adding: "Luke is adamant that he got a toe to the ball and their player has gone over his foot.

"I felt we could have had another penalty or two, but the referee has done a good job overall and he's in a tough position. I wouldn't like to do the job myself. There were a few yellow cards that maybe shouldn't have been, and that heightens things."

Wycombe hope to bounce back when they entertain Gillingham this Saturday (3pm ko).



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WANDERERS: Wycombe return to Adams Park

Ainsworth demands reaction against Gills



Wycombe Wanderers manager Gareth Ainsworth is in confident mood ahead of Gillingham clash at Adams Park. Picture: Anita Ross Marshall

By Matt Joy

GARETH Ainsworth is seeking a 'good reaction' from his Wycombe Wanderers players against Gillingham this Saturday (3pm ko).

Wanderers return to Adams Park after two daunting away League One trips to leaders Luton Town and second-placed Barnsley.

Ainsworth's men failed to pick up a single point from the fixtures after losing 3-0 at Kenilworth Road and 2-1 at Oakwell on Saturday.

However, the Wycombe boss was far from disappointed with the way his players performed against the

top two sides in the division.

"It's a tough league and there are no easy games," he stated. "People may have thought when we were sitting in ninth position and five points off the play-offs I was being pessimistic when I said I wasn't getting carried away."

"As I have said all along, it is all about perspective and 50 points has been what I wanted all season."

"We've done brilliantly to be where we are and hopefully, we can keep that going on Saturday."

Last weekend's defeat at Barnsley leaves Wycombe 12th in the League One table and 10 points off the play-offs and also above the drop zone.

"We want a good reaction against Gillingham and it's a game I feel we can win," added Ainsworth. "We don't want to be looking down the table, we want to build this team and keep developing so we can progress towards something exciting in the future."

Barnsley won the first of two penalties in the match after 14 minutes when Mike Bahre tumbled following a Luke Bolton challenge, allowing Fulham loanee Cauley Woodrow to convert.

Ainsworth felt the penalty decision was harsh, though he was pleased with Wycombe's response to going a goal behind early.

"Looking at it (the penalty) again, I can't see how the referee came to that decision," he added. "They see it one way on the pitch and we've seen it another, it was a soft one."

"We set up to frustrate Barnsley so conceding that penalty put a spanner in the works, though we reacted well to going behind."

"We had several chances to get back into the game and I was really happy with the way that the lads responded."

"Not many teams would go up there and give them a scare. Our last two games have been really tough and I'm not too disappointed with the last two results."



Wycombe Wanderers defender Anthony Stewart

Stewart is set for a rare start

ANTHONY Stewart will be handed only his second Wycombe Wanderers start of 2019 when they host Gillingham at Adams Park this Saturday (3pm ko).

The 26-year-old defender will replace Adam El-Abd who begins a three-match ban for violent conduct after his red card in the 2-1 defeat at Barnsley last weekend.

El-Abd was sent off deep into stoppage time at Oakwell following an altercation with Tykes midfielder Cameron McGeehan.

Stewart's last first-team appearance came in a 2-0 home defeat to Coventry City on January 1, though boss Gareth Ainsworth has no qualms about throwing him back in.

"Adam has gone in and he has tried to protect his team mates and stand up for them," suggested Ainsworth. "He has gone that one step too far on this occasion. The fourth official spotted it and Adam has got to pay the price."

"Adam's suspension gives a chance for Anthony Stewart to come into the team. He has been waiting in the wings this season because of the form of others but he's a fantastic centre half and it is a great opportunity for him."

Ainsworth also confirmed he has the luxury of a near fully-fit squad to choose from this weekend.

Luke Bolton – who picked up a nasty head injury at Barnsley contributing to 10 minutes of stoppage time – even stands a good chance of making the team having been closely monitored by Wycombe and his parent club, Manchester City.

"The medical staff have done a fantastic job but we won't take any risks," explained Ainsworth. "If he needs to sit out, he will. A final decision will be made soon."

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