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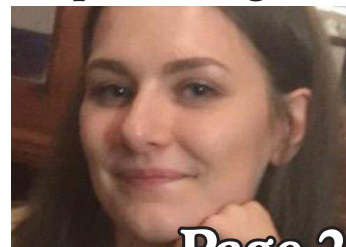
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WANDERERS: Defender revels in his winning goal

Charles: I am so over the moon



Darius Charles celebrates his goal. Photo: PRIME Media Images

WYCOMBE defender Darius Charles exclaimed he was ecstatic after his first-half strike was enough to beat off the challenge of Sunderland at Adams Park on Saturday.

Charles thumped home from eight yards in front of a packed crowd to keep Wanderers' unbeaten home record intact and keep pace with Ipswich at the top of League One.

The former AFC Wimbledon defender has had a horrendous time with injuries, so much so that he was advised to retire.

However, he has fought his way back into the starting line-up this term and was a rock at the back as well as matchwinner against the title favourites.

He said: "I didn't wait around long enough to see it hit the back of the net because I kind of knew it was going in."

"I am not going to swear but it was about time I gave that so I am just ecstatic and over the moon and it hasn't really sunk in yet."

Charles also admitted to having the

same feelings when Ryan Allsop produced a world-class save in the dying embers of the game to save Aiden McGeady's piledriver.

He added: "It was the exact same emotion as when I scored."

"The reason that he got all the high-fives and the accolades from us, is because that was just as important."

"In our box, we won our battles and in their box, we won our battles."

"When Ryan was called upon, he made a terrific save as he has done time and time again for us and it sums up how we have been so far this season."

The defender also commented on boss Gareth Ainsworth's energy on the touchline, admitting he just wants to kick every ball.

He said: "I spent a lot of my time sitting in the stands last year. He kicks and heads every ball."

"It is not intense. It is not pressure. For him it is a joy and a love of the sport and it enthralls us and the gaffer embodies this team and we want to play for him."

The latest Blues news

Wycombe Wanderers

Chairgirls ease to Ascot win

WYCOMBE Wanderers Ladies defeated Ascot United 4-0 to claim their second victory of the new Premier Division season on Sunday.

The hosts started well, retaining possession well and looking to release their strike trio of Tara Woodward, Sam Jackson and Chante Inniss.

On 12 minutes the early pressure told with a thumping strike from Jackson leaving the despairing Phillips in the visitors goal no chance.

The same player doubled the lead after an excellent pass from Lindsay Pinker who had a good afternoon in the middle of the park.

The Chairgirls continued to press although endured a couple of scares when being caught square by long through balls with Johnson coming closest for the visitors.

Woodward had been working hard to create chances for herself and team-mates and in the 29th minute got her reward when Emma Newberry's cross was spilt by the keeper into her path.

The score was 3-0 at half-time but there were some worrying signs as the Chairgirls' passing became less fluent and were missing their intended targets giving Ascot some hope.

The second half was not as pleasing on the eye as the hosts continued to misplace passes when given freedom to play.

Ascot worked tirelessly to get something from the game and came close when a goal bound volley from Fettes was diverted for a corner by Katie Hudson.

With 20 minutes to go, Chante Inniss was sin-binned for 10 minutes for dissent.

However, despite being down to 10 players, the Chairgirls' response was almost immediate when Newberry got on the end of Hudson assist to seal the points.

A clean sheet and three points is much welcomed by the Chairgirls but more work to do to eliminate some of the unforced errors that crept into their game.

Blues draw Tranmere in cup

WYCOMBE Wanderers have drawn Tranmere Rovers away in the FA Cup - a week before returning to Birkenhead in the league.

The game will be played on November 9 (3pm kick off).

WANDERERS: Sunderland win a 'huge moment'

Ainsworth: The fans will be talking about this for a while



Gareth Ainsworth was delighted with his side's win against Sunderland

WYCOMBE Wanderers manager Gareth Ainsworth admitted beating Sunderland was a huge moment for the club as the Blues cemented second place in League One following their 1-0 win.

Darius Charles grabbed the game's only goal in the first half and the Blues were indebted to goalkeeper Ryan Allsop for a couple of brilliant saves to keep Wycombe's noses in front.

With a side boasting household names in the world of football, Ainsworth was delighted with his side's display.

He said: "Huge respect to Sunderland as they are such a huge club."

"We have some huge teams in this league and it was a great moment to see the whistle blown and get that 1-0 win because we almost did it last season and this season we have done it."

"I thought we deserved the win and we restricted Sunderland to going quite long at times and we matched that but when there were times to get the ball down, we did really well."

"McGeady produced a great strike but Ryan Allsop matched it, it was a fabulous save and with their team, most names would walk into any League One side and most Championship sides and I am sure the fans will be talking about this one for a while."

By Nicholas Tunney

Charles grabbed the all-important goal with a smart finish after the Black Cats failed to clear their lines and Ainsworth reiterated Charles' injury woes and paid tribute to the defender for all his hard work.

He added: "People won't see what Darius has been through."

"He doesn't train Mondays or Tuesdays. He works on his hip and this arthritis that he has got for life and it may hamper him in later life."

"He wants this career and this identity as a footballer and he deserves it and every credit and plaudit he gets because he was superb defensively."

"He doesn't often pop up with his goals but what a strike that was and it was good enough to win any game."

Ainsworth also praised loanee Rolando Aarons for his display, as he gave the Sunderland backline a headache all game.

He commented: "The plan was to try and get him isolated with the full-back as he has unbelievable ability."

"For a Premier League to come down to Wycombe Wanderers and then I will graft with Wycombe Wanderers, that will do for me and there will be many more opportunities for him to be in this team."

WANDERERS

Kashket's goal gets hard-



By Nicholas Tunney

WYCOMBE Wanderers kept up their excellent recent form as they drew 1-1 with Blackpool at Bloomfield Road to earn a hard-fought point.

The draw was the sixth successive stalemate between the two sides at Bloomfield Road and Wanderers battled hard to secure a valiant result on the road.

Scott Kashket netted early on for the visitors but they were pegged back shortly after half-time when Ben Heneghan found the net with a precise header, and neither team was able to find a winner as Wanderers settled for a sixth game unbeaten in League One.

Gareth Ainsworth made three changes from the side that started in Saturday's fantastic 1-0 victory over Sunderland, bringing Giles Phillips, Curtis Thompson and Kashket into the line-up as Darius Charles, Matt Bloomfield and Rolando Aarons made way.

Kashket opened the scoring as he nipped in between the keeper and defender to deftly touch it home.

With their tails up, the visitors hunted for a second, and David Wheeler drilled low and hard from the edge of the box at the end of a quickfire counter-attack, before Husband came back for Blackpool, speeding past Jack Grimmer but seeing his shot deflect off Anthony Stewart and land kindly for Allsop.

The home side equalised courtesy of Heneghan and his well-placed header looped over Allsop and into the net – his second goal against the Blues in as many games.

Heneghan then had a bullet header disallowed for a push on Phillips as Blackpool began to prove their worth from set pieces, but Wycombe steadied themselves and sustained a spell of pressure at the other end, with Heneghan going into the book



for a trip on Freeman.
Joe Jacobson went into the book and Matt Bloomfield came on for Freeman in the first of four added minutes, but there was no further drama.

earned point for the Blues



Wycombe Wanderers grabbed a well-earned point against Blackpool at Bloomfield Road on Tuesday

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WANDERERS: American buyout is going ahead Couhig completes Wanderers takeover



American investor Rob Couhig with Chairman Trevor Stroud & Mark Palmer at Adams Park. Photo: PRIME Media Images

WYCOMBE Wanderers Trust have announced that the required threshold to approve the purchase of a majority share in the club by Felician EFL Ltd – which is controlled by Rob Couhig – has now been reached, and the formal process to finalise the sale is under way.

The board of directors of the Trust unanimously recommended the proposed sale to Felician and initiated a voting period for its Legacy Members (Trust members who have held a season ticket at the club for four or more consecutive seasons) earlier this month, requiring 75 per cent of the Legacy Members to approve the sale in order for the deal to be ratified.

Subject to receipt of formal confirmation from CES that the resolution has been passed, which can only be issued at the end of the

By Nicholas Tunney

voting period, and subject to final due diligence from both parties, financial clearance from the EFL, and approval of Mr Couhig and his three fellow nominated directors through the EFL's Owners and Directors Test, Felician will become the owner of both 75 per cent of the club's voting shares and 75% of the ordinary non-voting shares.

In return, Felician will invest £2.2 million to settle all outstanding debts, and support working capital needs at the football club. All charges currently held against Adams Park will be lifted, and the stadium and club memorabilia will remain 100 per cent owned by Wycombe Wanderers Trust's subsidiary company, Frank Adams Legacy Limited (FALL).

Felician will make available an

additional £1 million for working capital, and the club will enter into a new 15-year lease with FALL to use Adams Park, paying an annual rent of £150,000, subject to a discount in the first five years, and will be responsible for maintaining the stadium.

The new football club board will be comprised of Rob Couhig, Missy Couhig, Peter Couhig and Mark Palmer, alongside two directors nominated by the current Trust board, allowing influence and involvement in the decision-making processes.

Trevor Stroud, chairman of Wycombe Wanderers and Wycombe Wanderers Trust expresses his delight at the situation.

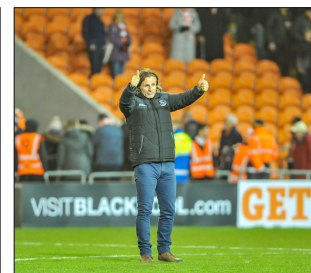
He said: "This is a hugely significant step forward for the club and we are delighted that the Legacy Members have followed the Trust board's recommendation to wel-

come Rob Couhig and his team into the club as majority shareholders.

"Rob has demonstrated real expertise, determination, integrity and ambition over the past four months since the Trust nominated him as its preferred partner going forward, and we believe that those attributes, coupled with his financial contribution, make him the ideal person to build on the progress that the club has made under supporter ownership in recent times.

"Wycombe Wanderers Trust have been immensely proud to be custodians of the football club for the past seven years, but I believe we have reached the upper limit of what we can achieve in terms of the sustainability of the club going forward.

"As both a supporter and chairman of Wycombe Wanderers, I am more excited than ever for its future, and wish Rob and his team every success."



Gareth Ainsworth

'Toughest test of the season'

Wycombe Wanderers

WYCOMBE boss Gareth Ainsworth is expecting a very tough test for his side on Saturday as they travel to the New York Stadium to face Rotherham (3pm).

Rotherham were relegated last season from the Championship and they are tipped to bounce back to England's second tier straight away.

They enhanced their prospects with an excellent 2-0 win over Ipswich earlier this week and Ainsworth admitted that this clash would be one of the hardest they would face all season.

He said: "Without a doubt, it will be one of our toughest games of the season.

"They had a great result against Ipswich on Wednesday night and everyone will say, they have had one less day's rest, but believe me that won't come into play too much and they are a very strong side.

"They are very good on transition and they are a very powerful side with Championship players in their squad.

"They were in the Championship last year and it will be a tough, tough game.

"I am sure the weather is going to cause chaos up there with the rain that is forecast and it could be one for me to select on what I think is going to handle the conditions.

"The New York Stadium is a very tough place to go and hopefully we can get something.

"It is a tough place to go after the week we have had but I have a tough group and I am sure they will be ready."

The Blues boss also confirmed that Alex Samuel, Fred Onyedinma and Paul Smyth are all edging closer to a return to first team action.

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