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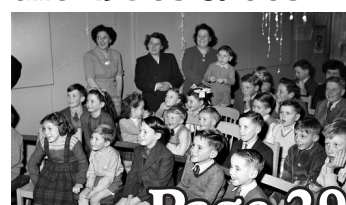
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Ladies reach quarter finals

CHESHAM UNITED LADIES AND CHINNOR RUGBY

CHESHAM United Ladies completed a hat-trick of wins in all competitions after a 1-0 victory against Billericay Town in the National League Cup on Sunday.

The ladies have not tasted defeat since the narrow loss to Southampton over five weeks ago, and this most recent success sees them beat rivals from Division One South East.

Billericay had only been beaten once previously this season and that was at the hands of the top team in the division, Ipswich Town.

The single goal in the game arrived when Kat Bowers, the player-of-the-month for November, put through Gemma Fraser and she made no mistake, tucking away into the back of the net before half-time.

The win means Chesham have reached the quarter final in the national competition which will take place in the New Year.

Team return to action in Division One South West with a visit to The Meadow from Exeter City this Sunday (2pm).

★ CHINNOR have a bumper Saturday in store as Richmond visit Kingsey Road at 3pm for a Christmas cracker of a National League One fixture.

The team is on a club record seven-match unbeaten run in the third tier and welcome the leaders with just five points separating the sides.

The stage is set for a sensational afternoon of rugby, but there is so much more on offer. It all starts with a pre-match skills session at 12.30pm, led by the Chinnor Rugby Club Thame community coaches.

Children will be able to choose between kicking, footwork and breakdown drills, before a rugby-related activity in the clubhouse until 2.45pm. They will also help form the guard of honour before the match.

Please email community@chinnor-rfc.com to book your child a place. The session is £5 plus entry fee, while it is complimentary for any parent attending the pre-match lunch.

There is also plenty more to make this a festive fixture to remember with post-match entertainment for everyone.

Jan Robinson, bass guitarist for Scottish pop rock band Marmalade, will be kicking off proceedings with a string of hits from the 60s, 70s and 80s in the marquee.

There will also be a karaoke party in the members' bar from 6.30pm, so there will hopefully be something for everyone.

FOOTBALL: Beaconsfield give themselves a boost Losasso beauty gives Rams three much-needed points

By Rob Stevens

BEACONSFIELD Town gave themselves a huge boost in their battle with relegation in the Southern Premier South after a 1-0 win at Blackfield & Langley on Saturday.

The Rams were on a nine-match winless streak in the league, their last victory coming in the reverse fixture back in September, but this success will raise confidence levels heading into the Christmas period.

Beaconsfield are still bottom of the table but now just a point behind Dorchester Town and five from guaranteed safety. Hendon are three points ahead in the relegation play-off spot.

Blackfield had appeals for a penalty kick in the first half turned down when it appeared Rams defender Luke Neville made a desperate sliding tackle on Hisham Kasimu, who was bursting through.

The single goal came in time added on at the end of the first period and after Charlie Losasso was fouled 25 yards from goal. He dusted himself down to take the resulting free-kick and curled and effort over the wall and into the corner with keeper Lewis Noice statuesque on his line.

Beaconsfield return to Holloways Park for the visit of Hayes & Yeading United this Saturday (3pm). Entry will be free for anyone that is able to donate a present to The Rams' annual collection for the local children's hospital.

Title-chasing Chesham United return to action when fellow high-flyers Swindon Supermarine make the trip to The Meadow on Saturday (3pm).

Marlow ended a run of four consecutive draws in the South Cen-



Chalfont St Peter were involved in a goalless draw with Waltham Abbey in the South Central Division on Saturday. View more pictures online.

tral Division after a 1-0 win against struggling Hertford Town last weekend.

A goal from Nnamdi Nwachuku inside the final 20 minutes was the difference between the two sides at Oak Tree Road.

The Blues however failed to build on the result following a 3-2 home

defeat against title-chasing Ware on Tuesday night.

A goal from David Kendall gave the visitors a narrow lead heading into the break and Liam Hope doubled the advantage six minutes into the second half.

The home team pulled a goal back through Chris Ovenden, but Ware

secured the points through Harry Watkins before Nwachuku bagged a consolation effort two minutes from the final whistle.

The results mean Marlow stand in 14th position in the table and five points behind the top half ahead of a visit to Oak Tree Road from Bracknell Town this Saturday (3pm).

Chalfont St Peter remain in the top 10 after a 0-0 draw with Waltham Abbey at Mill Meadow last weekend.

The Saints return to action with a trip to Northwood on Boxing Day (1pm).

Holmer Green saw their match at Longlevens in the Hellenic League Premier Division postponed due to a waterlogged pitch at Saw Mills End.

The Green will bid to improve upon their position at the bottom of the table when making the short trip to Bucks rivals Burnham this Saturday (3pm).

Flackwell Heath make the journey to Stag Meadow to take on Virginia Water this Saturday (3pm).

Risborough Rangers were awarded a walkover win against Prestwood in the Wycombe Senior Cup on Tuesday night.

The unbeaten Division One East leaders welcome third-placed Milton United to the B.E.P Stadium this Saturday (3pm).

Marlow United saw their Hellenic League Supplementary Cup tie at Aston Clinton postponed due to a waterlogged pitch.

The Flying Blues return to Woodley United visit the Alfred Davis Memorial Ground on Saturday 28th December (3pm).

Penn & Tylers Green saw their league trip to Milton United postponed due to a waterlogged pitch at Potash Lane and head to Kidlington Development this Saturday (3pm).

FOOTBALL: Wheeler not thinking about promotion Lack of respect takes the pressure off Chairboys



David Wheeler celebrates his goal against Burton Albion.

DAVID Wheeler has revealed that despite their lofty position in the table, the Wycombe Wanderers team and squad are not getting ahead of themselves, writes James Richings.

The 29-year-old, who joined from Queens Park Rangers this summer, scored the first against Burton Albion on Saturday as The Chairboys defeated the Brewers 2-0 at Adams Park.

The result means Wycombe are unbeaten in 12 league matches, have kept six consecutive league clean sheets and remain on top of League One.

Speaking after the Burton game,

Wheeler said: "Each time we beat a team, we often hear comments like we're being criticised for the way that we play, or the referee hasn't been on it, but you don't get into the position that we're in without merit.

"I think its good motivation for us as people don't show us that respect and it takes a bit of pressure off."

Over the Christmas period, Wycombe have got away games to Oxford United this Saturday (3pm) and Portsmouth on Boxing Day, before home matches against Coventry City on December 29th and Ipswich Town on New Year's Day.

"There's no point talking about promotion," said Wheeler. "There's

been a countless number of seasons in my career where people say, 'we'll aim for the play-offs,' and I'm thinking, 'we're 46 games away from that so there's no point'.

"Of course, everyone wants to win the league but there's no point looking that far ahead and I think that's one thing we've managed to do well this season.

"We've got some tough games and we'll take each game as it comes."

Wheeler does know a thing or two about promotion having scored the goal that clinched MK Dons promotion into League One on the final day of last season, before securing a switch to Adams Park.

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Wycombe are top at Xmas



Wycombe have every reason to be merry at Christmas, sitting top of League One after a 2-0 win against Burton Albion. PICS: Liam McAvoy.



WYCOMBE WANDERERS 2
BURTON ALBION 0

WYCOMBE Wanderers made it six clean sheets in a row in League One after a comfortable victory over Burton Albion on Saturday, writes James Richings.

The Chairboys, who were playing their first match at Adams Park in 21 days, initially lacked the attacking intensity they had shown prior to their three-week break.

The home team struggled to string passes together, pick each other out and were carelessly putting the ball out of play.

And with the way the first half was going, you would not think that Wycombe were top of the division as the league leaders did not test Kieran O'Hara in the Albion goal.

Anthony Stewart had the game's first real chance of the match when he headed over from a Joe Jacobson corner in the 10th minute.

But, after a lacklustre display, Wycombe showed why they are top of the league as they took the lead midway through the first half.

Another corner was swung in by Jacobson and after it eluded everyone in the box, Stewart picked up the loose ball, fired in a low cross and there was David Wheeler to smash in from six-yards.

It was his second goal of the campaign.

Burton rarely threatened with All-sop not having to make a single save of great note during the match.

Former Hull and Reading man Stephen Quinn had the visitor's best chance of the contest, but his effort from 18-yards just went wide.

Wycombe were left frustrated during latter parts of the second half as Burton defended well in the final third, with the home side trying their best to catch the visitors out with long balls and counter attacks.

Burton finally caved in the 90th minute when Wycombe got their



second.

Wheeler, who was named man of the match moments before the goal was scored, saw his low drive saved by O'Hara, but there was Matt Bloomfield to smash in his first goal of the season from the rebound to seal all three points.

The result means Wycombe will be top of League One on Christmas Day.

They next face Oxford United at the Kassam Stadium this Saturday (3pm).



Ainsworth hails a team performance in Albion win

WYCOMBE Wanderers manager Gareth Ainsworth has praised his side's performance against Burton Albion on Saturday, but admitted that for some parts of the first half, his team 'were sluggish', writes James Richfield.

Goals from David Wheeler and skipper Matt Bloomfield saw The Chairboys secure a 2-0 win over Nigel Clough's men, which also means the club achieve their sixth consecutive league clean sheet.

The result means that Wycombe will remain on top of League One, seven points clear of second-placed Ipswich Town.

Speaking after the game, Ainsworth said: "We had a strategy to sort of force Burton long in the first half, and I thought it worked quite well.

"But, they got hold of the ball for a bit which caused us a few problems as we looked a bit sluggish, so we had words at half-time to put that right.



"Burton changed in the second half, as they couldn't adapt to the change of our tactics and I thought we saw the game out well."

The result means Wycombe go into their derby match against

Oxford United this Saturday (3pm) seven points clear of second-placed Ipswich, who they play on New Year's Day.

Additionally, the game against Burton was Wycombe's first

match since they played Ipswich on November 26, when they drew 0-0 at Portman Road.

Ainsworth added: "We scored two great goals.

"It was good to see David Wheeler get on the scoresheet and Matt Bloomfield, what can we say, cap-

tain, leader. He'll go down in history at this place because he's such a player, but everyone played really well.

"This was a real team performance and we've not conceded again, which is a real feather in our caps."



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FOOTBALL

A lack of respect takes the pressure off - page 46



ROWING: Bucks Buoys rowing across the ocean Mammoth mission to row across the Atlantic



Four Bucks-based friends want to row across the Atlantic ocean and raise funds for Macmillan Cancer Support and IN-vision.
PICTURES: Neil Thomson

FOUR friends have embarked on a mammoth mission to row 3,000 miles across the Atlantic.

The Bucks Buoys set off last Thursday and are facing treacherous conditions as they battle 12-metre high waves, extreme storms and sharks on the journey from La Gomera in the Canary Islands, to Antigua.

The team are made up of High Wycombe father and son Kev and Rhys Luff, aged 51 and 21 respectively, Paul Smith, 60, from Princes Risborough and Nic Parslow, 57, from Wycombe.

The team hopes to complete the Talisker Whisky Atlantic Challenge in around 43 days - rowing in pairs non-stop.

Kev Luff, a director at Loudwater-based plumbing and heating firm H2O, said: "For us, this is the trip of a lifetime.

"We were inspired watching the teams arrive in Antigua, when I married my wife Sara in 2018.

"I can't believe, two years later,

By Rob Stevens

that we're now the ones taking on the challenge in a bid to raise money for charities so close to our hearts.

"We will miss family and friends so much, but can't wait to take on the Atlantic."

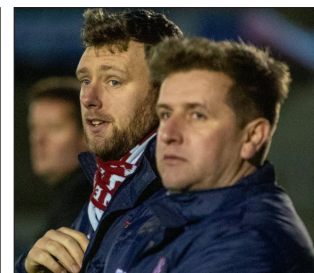
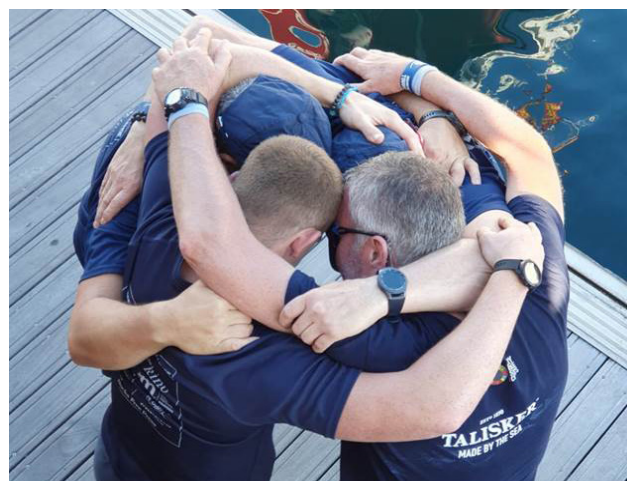
Before setting off as the sixth team of 35, Mr Luff praised the many sponsors who have supported the 'Buoys'.

As well as facing a battle against the clock in race conditions, the team has also undergone numerous training regimes to prepare over the last two years.

The group, who have all known someone who has battled cancer, will be raising money for Macmillan Cancer Support, as well as IN-vision - a charity which was set up to research eye condition Infantile Nystagmus and is supported by Marlow's Paralympic gold-medal winning hero Naomi Riches.

In a bid to support the Buoys on their mammoth mission, the *Bucks Free Press* has jumped onboard as

media sponsors and will chronicle the highs for the big row. To donate visit www.bucksbuoys.com



Michael Murray & James Duncan.

Chesham bosses in new deal

CHESHAM UNITED IN THE SOUTHERN PREMIER SOUTH

CHESHAM United has announced joint managers James Duncan and Michael Murray have signed a two-and-a-half-year deal that will keep them at The Meadow until the end of the 2021-22 season.

Duncan and Murray have a long-term ambition for The Generals and have committed their future to the club as it enters an exciting year in 2020.

The pair stated: "We're absolutely delighted to secure our long-term future with the club. Our thanks go to the Chairman and Board of Directors for showing their faith and trust in us.

"Special thanks to all of the supporters for their continued backing and unwavering commitment to the club."

A statement from the Board of Directors added: "Over the last 14 months, James and Michael have shown their quality as managers, both last season to turn around a struggling squad and this term strengthening across the pitch to take us forward, occupying a play-off place at Christmas and pushing for a title challenge.

"But just as important to us is the way James and Michael have worked with the wider club. Along with their coaching staff, they immersed themselves immediately, building an understanding for the club with supporters and the youth, and an appreciation for what makes Chesham United a proper Non-League club."

Appointed as joint managers in October 2019, Duncan and Murray made a fantastic start to their time at The Meadow, guiding Chesham from bottom to 10th position in the Southern Premier South last season.

The Generals are currently in third place this season and host Swindon Supermarine this Saturday (3pm).

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