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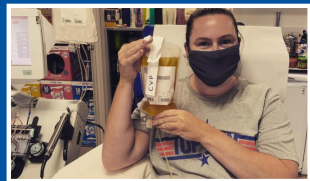
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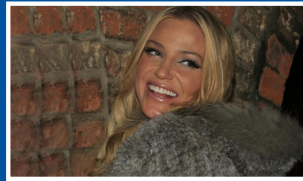
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West Ham prove too strong for Wycombe



McCarthy and Giles return to Wanderers

WYCOMBE have confirmed the signings of Jason McCarthy, who has returned to the club for a fourth time, alongside Giles Phillips.

McCarthy featured nine times last year for Gareth Ainsworth's side as they won promotion to the Championship via the play-offs.

Giles Phillips, who featured 16 times for the club last year, rejoins following his release from QPR, signing a one-year deal at Adams Park.

Boss Gareth Ainsworth told the club website: "Jason is an outstanding professional, on and off the pitch, and is a perfect fit for Wycombe Wanderers which is why we've brought him back here a number of times now."

"Ever since he was a young lad at Southampton, we spotted great potential in him and he's lived up to that every time he's pulled on the shirt."

"He can play in a number of positions which will be invaluable for us with so many games coming thick and fast in the Championship, and he's an extremely popular member of the changing room."

"It was a shame we weren't able to extend his loan for the play-offs but we know he was right behind the boys and his video message was one of the last things they watched before they left the hotel that night before the game."

"Now he's back where he belongs and I'm really pleased to have added him to the squad with Uche Ikpeazu, Giles Phillips and more to follow."

Jack Grimmer has also been rewarded for his fantastic first season at Adams Park with a new contract.

The highly-rated full back has penned a new three-year deal to keep him at the club until 2023.

Grimmer featured 16 times in all competitions last season.

WYCOMBE Wanderers lost 5-1 to a West Ham United XI at Adams Park as the Premier League side prove too strong for the newly promoted Championship side.

Alex Samuel notched for the hosts but a double from Jarrod Bowen, an own goal from Darius Charles and goals for Arthur Masuaku and Manuel Lanzini saw a side managed by West Ham assistant manager Stuart Pearce ease to victory.

Chairboys had five trialists in the squad, all of which had some involvement in the match and impressed to varying degrees.

The match started in a fast manner and within just five minutes the Hammers had taken the lead.

Bowen crossed from the right and although it evaded everyone in the box it fell to Masuaku on the edge of the box who smashed a strike off the underside of the crossbar and in.

Once they had taken the lead

By James Earnshaw

the Irons continued to press home their advantage by creating multiple goalscoring chances.

The Premier League side almost doubled the score as captain Mark Noble turned defence into attack and fed Michail Antonio, who flicked the ball onto Bowen but he saw his cross cleared.

Lanzini hit the post a minute later but just one minute after that West Ham did deservedly extend their lead.

Darius Charles played a pass back to his goalkeeper David Stockdale, however in a lapse of concentration the former Birmingham City goalkeeper let the ball trickle under his foot and roll into the vacant net.

There were signs of improvement from Gareth Ainsworth's side, and on the half hour mark Alex Pattison curled a delightful

shot forcing David Martin into a fine save, however it came back off the crossbar and fell kindly for Samuel to tuck the ball into the back of the net and half the deficit.

Unfortunately it was a false dawn and within five minutes Lanzini curled a low, hard drive past the helpless Stockdale to restore the away side's two goal lead.

Then just before half time the hard-working Bowen managed to notch one himself, tapping the ball past Stockdale after making a fine first save.

Ainsworth made plenty of changes at half time, including introductions for Ryan Allsop and Uche Ikpeazu, but it was a similar half to the first.

The Chairboys had much more of the ball early on, however still failed to create any meaningful chances.

Ten minutes into the second half the visitors made it 5-1 after Masuaku cut the ball back from the byline for Bowen to slide in his second

goal of the game.

Wycombe were still a threat occasionally, for instance Ikpeazu almost scored his first goal for the club as he stole the ball off of a defender and tried to lob the goalkeeper from a tight angle.

But ultimately the damage was done and the travelling side were always in control of the proceedings.

Ainsworth will no doubt be disappointed with the score, but it is still early days for this newly promoted squad and they will not face sides that good every week in the Championship.

First half team: Stockdale, Grimmer, Trialist-LB, Trialist-CB1, Charles, Thompson, Trialist-CM, Pattison, Kashket, Samuel, Parker.

Second half team: Allsop, Trialist-CB1 (Trialist-RB 60), Trialist-LB (Jacobson 60), Trialist-CB2, Stewart, Trialist-CM (Gape 60), Thompson (Bloomfield 60), Kashket (Trialist-RM 60), Pattison (Freeman 60), Parker (Onyedimma 60), Ikpeazu.