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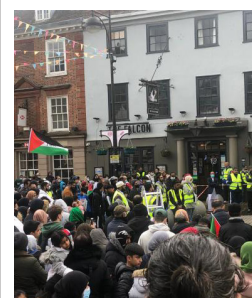


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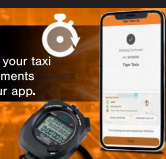
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FOOTBALL: Two players leave the Adams Park club

Double departure at Wycombe Wanderers



Fred Onyedinma (pictured here in 1-0 win against Bournemouth on May 1), has left Wanderers to join Luton Town for an undisclosed fee. He is the sixth player to leave Wycombe this summer but the first to be sold. He scored five goals last season, three in the league (PA)

By James Richings

WYCOMBE Wanderers have confirmed that Fred Onyedinma has left the club to join Luton Town for an undisclosed fee.

The 24-year-old Nigerian winger joins the Hatters following the Chairboys' relegation from the Championship this season.

Overall, Onyedinma played 114 games and scored 23 goals for the club across three separate spells for Wanderers.

He becomes the sixth player to leave the club so far this summer following the departures of Ryan Allsop, Cameron Yates, Giles Phillips, Darius Charles and Andronicos Georgiou, who have all been released.

However, the fan favourite is the first player to be sold during the off-season.

Onyedinma, who has represented Wanderers in League Two, One and the Championship, was one of Wycombe's best players last season with his blistering runs and match-winning goals against Read-

ing and Blackburn Rovers.

And even though he had to wait until January to register his first goal of the season, his positive displays earned him many plaudits with Luton trying to sign the winger that month.

He scored five goals last campaign with four of those goals coming in wins.

The only time a strike of his was in a game that Wanderers didn't win was in the 4-1 home loss to Tottenham Hotspur in the FA Cup.

In that match, Onyedinma's goal gave the Chairboys a shock lead before Spurs ran riot in the second half.

Following his departure, Wanderers said: "The club thanks Fred for his efforts during his time at the club."

Luton manager Nathan Jones said: "We've tracked Fred for a while as we've come up against

him regularly in recent years, and he's always impressed.

"We tried to get him in January and we've had to be patient, but we are delighted to bring him in now.

"He's still young for someone with so much experience, very athletic and he gives us real attacking options.

"We are looking forward to working with Fred and I'd like to personally thank all of the season ticket holders who have contributed towards his transfer with your donations.

"As with everyone we sign, Fred is someone who we feel can improve us, and one who is hungry to develop in our environment and move forward with us."

The move was funded by the 'Transfer Club' fund by Luton supporters, who have paid the full amount for their 2021/22 season ticket by donating the equivalent of the 40 per cent credit they were entitled to.

Luton have never lost to Wycombe at Adams Park in their history with

the Hatters playing at the ground 15 times, winning seven times and drawing eight.

Their last meeting was on April 10 this year, with Luton defeating Wycombe 3-1 at Adams Park.

Anis Mehmeti gave Wanderers the lead with a penalty before Josh Knight was sent-off just before the hour mark.

This changed the game as goals from George Moncur, Kazenga Lua Lua and Elijah Adebayo in the final 10 minutes gave Luton all three points.

In other transfer news, Wycombe also revealed that Alex Pattison has too left the club.

The 23-year-old, who joined the club in the summer of 2019, has departed the Adams Park outfit to join Harrogate Town in League Two.

Last season, the former Middlesbrough midfielder only played six times for the Chairboys and didn't play for the club for four months following his red card in the 1-0 away loss to Bournemouth in December.



Daryl Horgan (Mike Egerton/PA)

Call-ups for three players

SEVERAL CHAIRBOYS PLAYERS GET THE NOD TO PLAY FOR THEIR COUNTRIES

THREE Wycombe players have received international call-ups for their country's respective matches over the next few weeks.

Daryl Horgan, who became the first Wycombe player to face England in an international match last November, has been included in the Republic of Ireland's 27-man squad for their upcoming internationals against Andorra and Hungary on June 3 and June 8.

He has played 12 games for his country since making his debut in March 2017.

Andre Burley, who has yet to make an appearance for the Chairboys, has been called up to the St Kitts & Nevis squad for their World Cup qualifiers against Guyana and Trinidad & Tobago.

The 21-year-old made his debut for the Caribbean country in March.

Finally, Anis Mehmeti has earned his first call-up for the Albanian under-21 squad.

Mehmeti, who played 26 games for Wanderers last season and scored three goals, will be in the squad for their matches against Andorra and Bulgaria next month.

He made one appearance for the Albanian under-19 team in 2019.

Last season saw several Wanderers players receive international call-ups.

Horgan and Burley both played for their countries whilst striker Uche Ikpeazu was tipped to be called up to the Ugandan squad but withdrew due to an injury.

Admiral Muskwie, who scored three goals in 19 matches for the club between January and May is another international Wanderer as he has played four times for his native Zimbabwe - but none of these four caps came as a Wycombe player.