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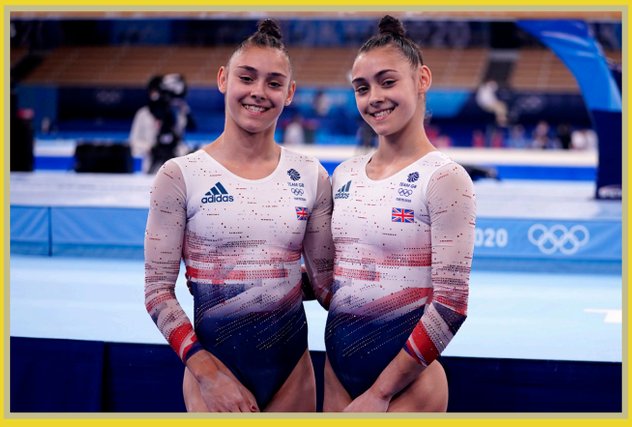

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CHAIRBOYS: Gold and white is in for new season

New away kit for 2021/22

The kit was worn at Adams Park for the first time against Leicester

WYCOMBE Wanderers have revealed their new away kit for the 2021/22 season – and it seems to be a popular hit with supporters.

The gold and white strip, which was worn in the friendly against Leicester City on Wednesday, July 28, was modelled by Anthony Stewart and Ryan Tafazolli, whilst David Stockdale, who will wear his lucky number 13 for the campaign, donned the new 'Mardi Gras' goalkeeper shirt.

The three players showed off the kit in a video at Dashwood Mausoleum in West Wycombe, which is less than a 10-minute drive from Adams Park.

For the past two seasons, Wanderers' away kit has been all yellow.

Several fans took to Twitter to praise the kit, with Andrew Stephens saying: "Best away kit in a long time."

The Wycombe Way said: 'This kit is superb. Could go down as a classic,' whilst Chris Cooper added, 'These are so much nicer than I thought they would be.'

Wanderers fan Jamie Kettlewell then shared on social media that he approved of the new jersey by saying, 'Yeah, like these. Very nice.'

However, despite the positive reaction, some fans of the club, as well as neutrals, are not that keen on the gold and white combination.

Dylan Ing said: "It'll grow on me, but I really hope we get Hummel as our next kit supplier after our contract is up with O'Neill's."

Kit Crimes then said: "Fact: All gold kits are awful, they never work.

"Anyone believe otherwise? Prove it with pics."

This led to numerous fans across the world sharing their favourite gold kits from clubs all over the globe.

As well as the new away shirt, the club have also got a new training top which features a map of High Wycombe.

The side's home shirt will be the same as the 2020/21 season, which consists of the four quarters with two different shades of blue with stripes going down the middle of the top.

FOOTBALL: Wycombe Wanderers 1-0 Leicester City

Sam Vokes is looking to get started following his move

Sam Vokes was revealed as a Wanderers player before the Leicester match on Wednesday, July 28 (Martin Rickett/PA Wire)

By James Richings

WYCOMBE'S new number nine Sam Vokes has revealed that the initial conversation with Gareth Ainsworth played a big role in him joining the club.

The 31-year-old is the latest player to sign for the Chairboys, and was officially revealed to the crowed before Wanderers defeated Leicester City at Adams Park 1-0 in a pre-season friendly.

His move was widely anticipated following rumours over the last few days, and with Vokes watching on from the stands during the victory on July 28, he revealed that he is 'itching to get going' for his new club.

Speaking after the triumph over the FA Cup winners, he said: "I'll be totally honest with you, he picked the phone up to me a few weeks ago and when I got off the phone, I wanted to sign immediately.

"I think he installed what I knew what the group was all about, but our conversation played a really big part and it made me want to come and I'm glad I have.

"It was nice to be in a stadium full of people so to be unveiled as a new signing was brilliant but more importantly, I thought the team put in a good performance against a strong Leicester team, so it shows our intent and what we are capable of.

"This is a great place to be, and I really wanted to be part of it."

Despite being a regular goal scorer in his Premier League days with Burnley, Vokes struggled for form at his previous club, Stoke, where he scored just 12 goals across two-and-a-half seasons between 2019 and 2021.

During that time he played 86 times for the Potters and only managed to get on the scoresheet once last campaign.

But, with a fresh start, he is hoping to get the ground running at Wycombe.

He said: "I can't wait.

"I was itching to get going when watching in the stands so with a good weeks' worth of training in me, I can't wait for the start of the season."

On Horgan's goal, he added: "The balls that were coming into the box were the ones that you want to get on the end of so I'm hoping to do that soon. And you put pressure on yourself which it's important for me.

"It has been frustrating over the last couple of years as I have been desperate to play football so on a personal note, I try put that pressure on myself to come in and do well, but, I've got an overall feeling of excitement to get going now."

Gaffer on Foxes win

THE CHAIRBOYS DEFEATED THE PL SIDE AT A ROCKING ADAMS PARK

DESPITE it only being a pre-season friendly, Wycombe boss Gareth Ainsworth was in high spirits as his side defeated Leicester City 1-0 at Adams Park.

Daryl Horgan scored the winner with 10 minutes to go against the FA Cup holders, in a fixture that was memorable for many reasons.

It was the first time since December last year that fans were allowed back into the ground, it was the first time that supporters were able to witness the club's new signings, as well as the new facilities around the stadium, and along with the official revealing of new striker Sam Vokes, there was a firework display at full-time.

He said: "The atmosphere was fantastic. Welcoming all the fans back to see the players, the new scoreboard, the advertising the hoardings, the training ground, the pitch along with the players we have able to recruit…I'm really excited about the future ahead. It has been a year of frustration but tonight [July 28] was brilliant.

"The Leicester fans were vocal, the Wycombe fans were vocal and the moments at the end on the pitch, along with Sam Vokes getting announced, means these are special times at Wycombe Wanderers.

"Who would have thought that when I took over we'd get to these levels and all I can say is thank you to everyone.

"I've got some great owners, some great backers and now it is up to me to try and get the results to make this team this special Championship side that we want to be. I'm confident that we have got enough to compete this season."

Following their great escape in 2014, the club lost the League Two Play-Off final a year later before achieving promotion in 2018.

Their first season back in League One saw the club endue a terrible winless run, but they did find form at the right time to avoid relegation, before a brilliant start to the following campaign saw Wanderers at the summit of England's third tier.

However, a loss of form and the season being suspended due to the coronavirus outbreak put the club in limbo, but thanks to the points-per-game system, Wycombe ended up defeating the odds and were promoted to the Championship for the first time in their history, before being relegated back to League One.

He continued: "Pre-season isn't about results - the season is about results but it gives me confidence."

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FOOTBALL: Wycombe Wanderers 1-0 Leicester

Horgan's strike beats the FA Cup holders

Daryl Horgan scored the winner for Wycombe Wanderers in their pre-season fixture against Leicester City at Adams Park on Wednesday, July 28. It was the first time since December that fans were able to be back in the ground. There were around 5,000 spectators (WWFC)

By James Richings

DARYL Horgan's late goal gave Wycombe a 1-0 win against FA Cup holders Leicester City in a pre-season friendly at Adams Park.

In a match of much anticipation, there was a party-like atmosphere around Adams Park as it was the first time since December last year that fans were allowed back in the ground.

The sight of thousands of Chairboys supporters donning new shirts and kits from yesteryear - as well as seeing Leicester fans donning their colours and flags - is something that has been notably absent over the past year so it was great to see the stadium full of life again.

There was also a sense of awe when walking around the ground as for many fans, this was the first time that they would have seen the new pitch and scoreboard whilst experiencing the new wifi and food services.

Pre-match, as chants were being sung, pies were being eaten and the rain drifted away, there was an eruption of cheers as Sam Vokes, who has been heavily linked with the club over the last few days, was unveiled as the side's new number nine.

He has joined on a permanent contract from Stoke City.

The hype and buzz prior to kick-off eventually dwindled as the first-half was a lacklustre affair with few chances, but the Chairboys looked organised and well-drilled.

Wanderers started off the match on the front foot as Nick Freeman, who is back in the frame following his loan spell at Leyton Orient last season, fired his shot from 12-yards just over Daniel Iversen's goal, before Adebayo Akinfenwa had his effort go wide.

It was a real midfield battle and it wasn't until midway through the opening half that City had their first shot on goal, but Jamie Vardy was denied by David Stockdale from close range.

Josh Scowen, Sullay Kaikai, and Oliver Pendlebury impressed on their home debuts with Garath McCleary also getting supporters off their seats, but overall, the first-half was a typical pre-season affair.

Many changes took place at half-time, and it was a substitute that nearly opened the scoring for Wanderers, as Oliver Pendlebury's free-kick was fired wide by Alex Samuel from close range.

Moments later, Leicester had a couple of chances of their own as Keirnan Dewsbury-Hall and Kelechi Iheanacho fired wide after not long entering the play inside the first 10 minutes of the second-half.

It was then Wycombe's turn to try their luck as just after the hour mark, Daryl Horgan and Anis Mehmeti tested sub keeper Jakub Stolarczyk from six-yards, but the ex-Hull stopper was on hand to deny both players.

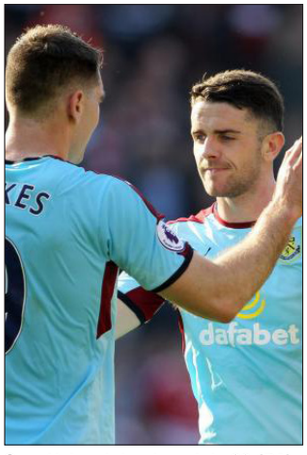
Stockdale, who once had a spell at Leicester, got down low to deny James Maddison on 77 minutes and with 10 minutes to go, Horgan got the winner with a low effort that flew past Stolarczyk.

Up next for Wycombe at Adams Park is Accrington Stanley on August 7, whilst Leicester take on Manchester City in the Community Shield.

The club also have a game on Friday, July 30, away at Hanwell Town, which will consist of trialists.

Here are Wycombe's first league fixtures for the season:

Aug 7: Wanderers vs Accrington
Aug 14: Cheltenham vs Wanderers
Aug 17: Wigan vs Wanderers
Aug 21: Wanderers vs Lincoln
Aug 28: Sunderland vs Wanderers
Sept 4: Wanderers vs Ipswich
Sept 11: Oxford vs Wanderers
Sept 18: Wanderers vs Charlton
Sept 25: MK Dons vs Wanderers
Sept 28: Shrewsbury vs Wanderers
Oct: 2: Wanderers vs Morecambe
Oct 9: Wanderers vs Gillingham



Sam Vokes joined on July 28 (PA)

Sam's the man for Wycombe

THE LATEST SIGNING HAS GOT FANS EXCITED FOR THE SEASON AHEAD

WYCOMBE manager Gareth Ainsworth has revealed what he expects of new signing Sam Vokes following his move from Stoke City.

The 31-year-old was officially revealed as a Wanderers player before the Chairboys' 1-0 win over Leicester City in a pre-season friendly on July 28, with the Welsh international being given the number nine shirt.

The signing of Vokes has caused a lot of excitement around Adams Park and the boss is looking forward to working with his new frontman.

Ainsworth said: "Nobody could believe we could get someone like him, so when he turned up on the pitch, it was such a great moment for this football club.

"To sign a player of his stature, a Welsh international who has scored in the quarter-finals of a European Championship, as well as being a Premier League scorer, it speaks volumes to attract a player like that.

"I expect goals from Sam as I want him to rekindle that relationship of him putting the ball into the net because he's had a tough year at Stoke where he didn't really feature, and I can't really fathom out why.

"He'll be in my team and he's going to be in a team that loves sticking the ball into the box, as well as having a solid base of defending and closing down teams.

"I think he'll fit in really well, he's a great character and the thing is, Sam wanted to be here.

"We didn't have to move heaven and earth to get him here, he wanted to join and I'm looking forward to working with him, alongside Josh Scowen, Oliver Pendelbury, Jake Wakley, Sullay Kaikai, Adam Przybek along with some of the trialists."

Vokes has signed a one year deal.

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