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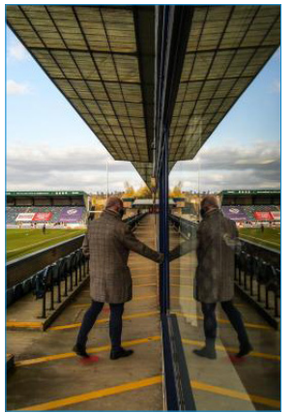

Derby are in the Championship

WYCOMBE Wanderers owner Rob Couhig has hinted he could take legal action against the club's relegation from the Championship, BBC Sport reports.

The Chairboys were relegated to League One at the end of last season after finishing a point behind Derby, but since then, the Rams were fined £100,000 in June and were ordered to file restated accounts as their method of calculating the value of players was ruled invalid.

And as the EFL released an interchangeable fixture list for both clubs this season, it seemed that there was a possibility that Wycombe could have been reinstated as a Championship side.

This did not happen and in the middle of September, Derby entered administration and received a 12-point deduction.

Rob Couhig told BBC Sport: "Not being in the Championship this year has cost us, on the surface, around £10m. It has probably cost another £5-10m in residual monies that would have come from us being in the Championship for a second year."

Victory for Wanderers' women

THE Wycombe Wanderers Women Reserve side defeated Launton 2-0 on Sunday, September 26.

The Chairgirls took the lead after 10 minutes when Rohanna Myers headed in from Amelia Gilberts deep corner on 10mins.

Wycombe started the second half brightly with Amy Norfolk, Naimh Creighton and Naomi Tilley all going close, and it was the latter, who was drafted in from the U18 side, that made sure of the points.

With 20 minutes to go, she picked up the ball on the edge of the area, passed the defender and made space enough to score in the bottom corner.

The remainder of the game was seen out largely in the middle third of the pitch with neither keeper really tested, as Wycombe continued their great start to the season with another victory.

Boss angry over red card in derby

By James Richings

WYCOMBE boss Gareth Ainsworth believes that Anthony Stewart should not have been sent off in their 1-0 away defeat at MK: Dons on September 25.

The centre-back was given his marching orders five minutes before half-time when he fouled Troy Parrott in the penalty area.

The on loan Tottenham Hotspur man took the resulting penalty and scored, which gave Wanderers their second league loss of the season as they drop to sixth in the league.

Speaking after the defeat, Ainsworth said: "I don't think it was a red card.

"I'll give them a penalty as it was a foul in the box, but it was a genuine attempt for the ball and when I asked the referee, he said it was a 'push', but I can't see a push.

"There was no push in there.

"To me, it was a genuine attempt to play the ball as Anthony Stewart genuinely went for the ball and that is a yellow.

"I don't understand how it was a red card.

"He has made a genuine attempt to play the ball – how can you get sent off?

"I can't see how if you make a genuine attempt for the ball, and you get sent off for that, why do we have this rule?

"Just say referee's digression.

"He should have stayed on the pitch.

"But I am not complaining as it was a penalty.

"Well done to MK Dons, you beat us, but you didn't put us to bed with 10 men."

Despite the setback, Wycombe battled well to stop their Buckinghamshire rivals going further ahead, as David Stockdale produced several stunning saves in the second period.

Ryan Tafazolli, Jordan Obita, Jack Grimmer and Joe Jacobson also did their part in keeping the score down, as MK couldn't get their second.

The defeat means Wanderers are still waiting for their first league win away at MK Dons since April 2010, and with another trip on Tuesday night against Shrewsbury, some changes to the starting 11 will more than likely be needed, if Stewart's red card is upheld.

Anthony Stewart was sent off just before half-time as Wycombe lost to MK Dons 1-0 at Stadium: MK (PA)

But on his side's performance, Ainsworth added: "I thought my boys were superb with 10 men.

"They defended so stoutly.

"They were really good and we knew it was going to be really tough as they are a good side and they keep possession really well.

"But, I said at half-time, if we can soak up the pressure and defend, we could get them on the break and it nearly happened.

"It was so close and I am proud of that performance.

"We brought on Akinfenwa and Hanlan, and we played Man City on Tuesday, so the legs for me shows our phenomenal fitness levels and I am proud of them.

"I'm just gutted with that decision as we played some great stuff in the first-half, as their keeper made a great save from Sam Vokes, we hit the crossbar, but sadly, it just didn't go our way.

"It's tough, but they are a good side and they also didn't put the game away at 10 men which pleases me.

The two sides will meet again on October 5 in the Papa John's Trophy.

It was another good afternoon of football for Wanderers

Chairgirls put three past Penn in win

WYCOMBE Wanderers U18 continued their great start to the season with a 3-0 win against Penn & Tylers Green.

The game kicked off to a slow start but soon gained momentum as the girls settled into a 3, 5, 2 formation.

Chloe Mackay, Vic Collett and Amelia Sage put in a solid back line defence along with a rotating strong midfield of Char Hill, Jess Fuller, Lenis Cook and Summer Owen-Smith, which allowed the forwards to size up Penn's portcullis.

Some great chances were created by the midfield with some excellent passing but at that point nothing was converted as Penn & Tylers put up some good defensive play. However, it wasn't long before a short corner from Char Hill to Naomi Tilley put Wycombe 1-0 ahead, before Tilly doubled their lead on the stroke of half-time.The second half saw a more determined Penn, but they couldn't break down the Wycombe backline.

And even though Wanderers had a player sent off, Naomi Tilley 's cross from the left handside was met by Jess Gomes to make the score 3-0.

Team: Chloe Mackay, Vic Collett, Jorja-Louise Bray, Molly Carter, Charlotte Hill, Ruby Paish, Rohanna Myers, Amelia Sage, Naomi Tilley, Jess Fuller, Lenis Cook, Summer Owen-Smith, Jess Gomes, Brooke Sanders

Shrewsbury Town manager Steve Cotterill saw his side lose for the fourth time in five games against Wycombe (PA)

Another league win

SECOND-HALF goals from Joe Jacobson and Ryan Tafazolli helped Wycombe get back to winning ways with a 2-1 victory at Shrewsbury.

Matthew Pennington set up a nervy finale 12 minutes from time, but the Chairboys held on to bounce back from Saturday's defeat at MK Dons.

Wanderers' Jack Grimmer had an early header saved with Shaun Whalley firing in an effort for the hosts.

Striker Sam Vokes then drew a smart save out of home keeper Marko Marosi with an acrobatic effort, before Whalley and then Daniel Udoh both saw good headed chances come and go at the other end.

The deadlock was finally broken seven minutes into the second period.

Former Shrew Jacobson punished the hosts for failing to clear by rifling an effort in off the post from 18 yards.

And after long-range efforts for Whalley and Luke Leahy at the other end, Tafazolli made it two with a simple headed goal for Wanderers.

But a grandstand finish was set up when Pennington drifted in to head home in the 78th minute.

Aaron Pierre went close with two late chances for Shrewsbury, but they tried and failed to find an equaliser.

Wycombe remain sixth.

Wycombe defeated in the Battle of Bucks

Wycombe played well, but the red card to Anthony Stewart in the first-half changed the game at Stadium: MK (PA)

By James Richings

ANTHONY Stewart was sent-off as Wycombe lost 1-0 away at MK Dons thanks to a Troy Parrott penalty.

The Chairboys started off the better side and nearly went ahead in the first few moments, but Sam Vokes, who hasn't scored in over a month, couldn't beat Andrew Fisher from close range.

Wycombe continued to dominate possession as the home side couldn't get near Gareth Ainsworth's men, and with Garath McCleary beaming with confidence following his two goals last week against Charlton, he and Daryl Horgan pulled the strings in the midfield, with the Irish international clipping the bar from 20-yards after 10 minutes.

This was the best it got for Wanderers as the game became a midfield battle, with Josh Scowen and Curtis Thompson getting tight to Parrott, Scott Twine, and Hiram Boateng to deny any MK attacks.

In fact, it wasn't until the 28th minute when the hosts had their first real chance for the game, but Twine's long-range effort was easily gathered by David Stockdale.

Then, in the last 15 minutes of the first-half, the game kicked into life.

Dean Lewington was penalised for a foul on Scowen after 32 minutes, and from the resulting free-kick, Joe Jacobson's cross was nodded in by Ryan Tafazolli from six-yards.

It should have been his first of the season and his first since March.

However, a good few seconds after the header had been scored, the flag went up and after the referee, Dean Treleaven, consulted with the linesman, the goal was eventually ruled out for offside.

A real kick in the teeth for Wycombe who had been the better side.

Then, against the run of play, MK Dons were given a golden opportunity to take the lead.

On 40 minutes, Lewington's ball over the top to Parrott was missed by Stewart, and after getting onto the wrong side of the man who is on loan from Tottenham, the centre-back fouled the attacker in the Wycombe box.

Treleaven had no choice but to give MK a penalty and send the defender off, and there was Parrott to slot the spot-kick down the middle.

Dons went into the break 1-0 up.

The second-half was a one-sided show as Liam Manning's men made use of the man advantage.

Stockdale denied Matt O'Riley and Parrott in the opening stages of the second half, before Daniel Harvie cracked one over from 25-yards on 60 minutes.

The introduction of Adebayo Akinfewa, Brandon Hanlan and David Wheeler in the latter stages of the second period nearly saw Wanderers get an equaliser, as they hustled and bustled the Dons backline, but nothing too testing for Fisher in the MK goal.

Jack Grimmer nearly equalised but his half-volley on 85 minutes went over, and Tafazolli's header missed the target on 89, but Parrott's third goal of the season succumbed Wycombe to their second league loss of the season.

This means Wanderers have only beaten MK Dons once in the league at Stadium: MK.

That 3-2 victory , which was sealed with a last minute winner, was way back in April 2010.

Ainsworth is full of praise for Salop boss

Steve Cotterill (PA)

WYCOMBE manager Gareth Ainsworth has praised his opposite number, Steve Cotterill, after the Chairboys defeated Shrewsbury 2-1 on Tuesday night.

Goals from Joe Jacobson and Ryan Tafazolli gave Wanderers the points, with the strikes coming in the second-half.

Ainsworth said: "Myself and Dobbo demanded a little bit more quality at half-time.

"The first-half, we went toe-to-toe with Shrewsbury who are a good side.

"Steve Cotterill is a good manager, they have got Aaron Pierre who is one of our former players, and they have recruited well.

"They are physical, they get the ball moving like we do and they will create problems, as they'll definitely take points of teams here."

The win was Wycombe's 12th over the Shropshire side in the 28th match between the two.

Double delight for Wanderers twosome

WYCOMBE'S Ryan Tafazolli and David Stockdale have been included in the most recent EFL League One Team of the Week.

The shot-stopper, who became Wycombe's number one in February, made several important stops in the 2-1 win over Shrewsbury, whilst Tafazolli's header against the Shropshire side on his 30th birthday gave Wanderers their second goal of the night.

Joe Jacobson, who captained the Chairboys on Tuesday night, got Wycombe's first, which was his 50th career club.

He spent three seasons with Shreewsbury.

When Wanderers defeated Charlton at Adams Park 2-1, Garath McCleary was included in the Team of the Week after he got two goals.

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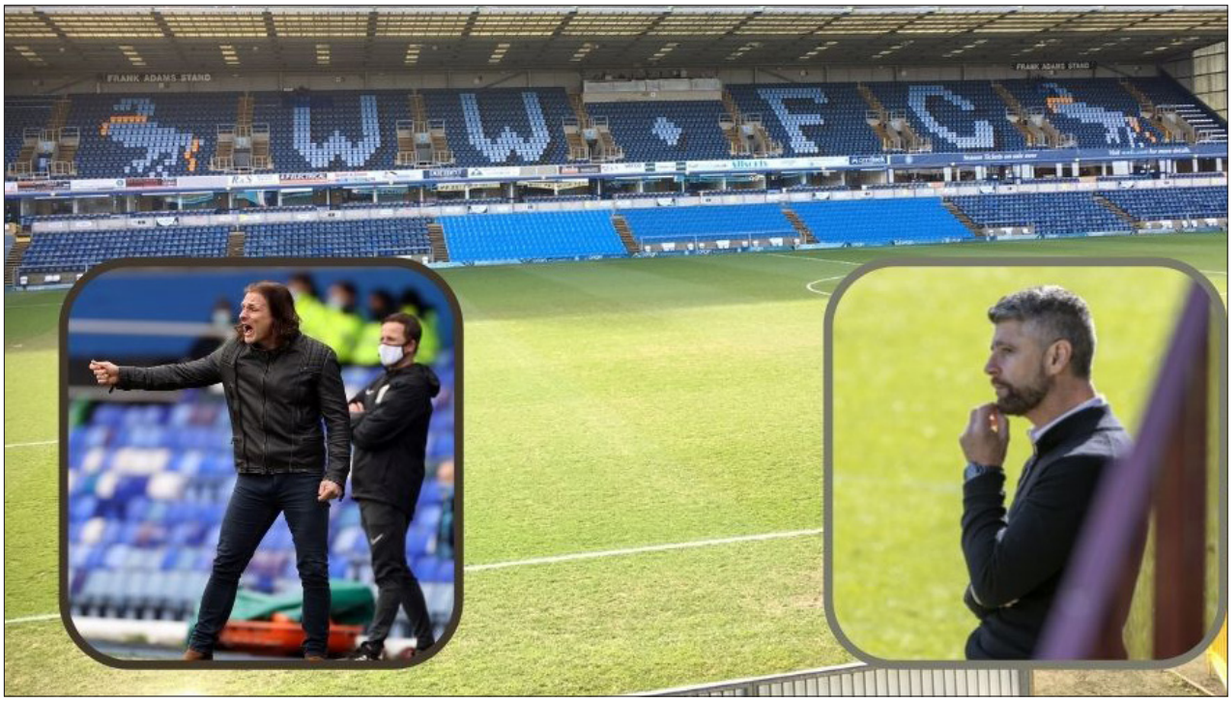
FOOTBALL: Wycombe Wanderers vs Morecambe

Chairboys ready for Morecambe battle



Gareth Ainsworth (left) will face Morecambe manager Stephen Robinson (right) on Saturday at Adams Park. It'll be the first meeting between the two sides since February 2018, when the Shrimps won 4-2 in Buckinghamshire. That game saw Wanderers go 3-0 down at half-time (PA)

By James Richings

HISTORY will made when Wycombe Wanderers take on Morecambe at Adams Park this weekend, as it'll be first time that this fixture will be played outside of League Two.

For the previous 18 meetings between the Shrimps and the Chairboys, both sides have battled it out in the fourth tier since their first meeting in the 2007/08 season.

In that time, Gareth Ainsworth's side have won nine of those matches, Morecambe were victorious four times, and there were five draws.

The fact that this fixture is taking place in League One shows how much the two teams have progressed over the last few seasons, and to get ourselves ready for this weekend's fixture, we spoke to Dave Salmon from Shrimps Live to hear how things are going for the visitors.

What have you thought of Morecambe's start to the season so far?

"Fourteen points from our opening 10 games is probably beyond anyone's expectations.

"There's no doubt we've surprised both ourselves and every single pundit, all of whom tipped us for the drop before the season started.

"Still early days of course, but we've competed in every single game so far, and our defeats so far have all been by just a single goal.

What is the aim for the season ahead?

"It's fair to say that all fans would have taken 20th before a ball was kicked, but given our start, that's certainly now been reassessed.

"Survival of course has to be remain our aim, but our first 10 games suggest we'll be more than ok this season and at least a mid-table finish isn't beyond us.

Wycombe have got a decent record against Morecambe, winning nine of the 18 matches they have played each other. Can you see this continuing on Saturday?

"No, not really. It's different times for both clubs.

"There's been a sea-change in how the club operates from top to bottom in recent times, on and off the pitch.

"We're no longer 'little old Morecambe'.

"I don't think past history between the sides plays a part here, and this should be a close, competitive encounter."

Who are the players Wycombe need to be on the lookout for?

"Cole Stockton is a big, powerful centre forward, and currently Europe's top goalscorer, finding the net 11 times so far with some world-class strikes. He's in the form of his life.

"Arthur Gnahoua on the wing already has four assists and a couple of goals, while in midfield Adam Phillips, on loan from Burnley, pulls the strings for us and is our dead ball specialist.

Who has impressed you the most in the Morecambe squad?

"As well as the above (especially Cole of course!), I've been most impressed with our French midfielder Toumani Diagouraga.

"He's a real 'Rolls Royce' type of player who just glides around the pitch, box to box, making us tick.

This will be the first meeting between the two sides outside of League Two. What type of match are you expecting this weekend?

"It should be a good game. We play 4-3-3, with two out and out wide players, although manager Stephen Robinson won't be afraid to match up Wycombe's back three if the game necessitates.

"We play with a high press and try and attack with pace and power, which is why we're League One's top scorers from open play.

"We have conceded a lot from set pieces this season so we'll need to make sure we're tight in that area.

What is your prediction for the match?

"We're unbeaten in three and are full of confidence.

"I think we'll get the points with a narrow victory."

BFP prediction: Wycombe Wanderers 2-1 Morecambe

Boss Gareth Ainsworth (PA)

Analysis after an away win

THE CHAIRBOYS CONTINUED THEIR GOOD RUN AGAINST SHREWSBURY

WYCOMBE Wanderers boss Gareth Ainsworth has waxed lyrical about his squad after the Chairboys defeated Shrewsbury 2-1 at New Meadow.

Second-half goals from Joe Jacobson and Ryan Tafazolli got Wycombe back to winning ways as they remain in the play-off places, occupying sixth place.

The win comes off the back of two straight defeats against Manchester City in the League Cup, and MK Dons in the league.

Speaking after the match in Shropshire, the boss said: "At half-time, it was very even and it was going to be a moment of quality that was going to break the deadlock.

"We had a good passage of play, we started to get our foot on the ball more, and then a pass into Sullay Kaikai, into the box is something that Dobbo has been working, and I mentioned that if they can get into the box with the ball, it's a dangerous position to be in.

"Sullay twisted his defender, it is a great ball in, Jack Grimmer has a great header and it falls to JJ who slams it home.

"It was a great's captain's performance by him.

"Another bit of quality from Sullay Kaikai again with a fantastic set piece, and Ryan Tafazolli just had to head it in.

"It was nothing more than we deserved, and I am really proud of how they saw the game out."

The win away from home was only their second in the league season but the second-half performance would have pleased Ainsworth, as his side battled until finding that breakthrough with positive forward play.

The night was also a memorable one for Jacobson, as the Welshman scored his 50th career club goal on Tuesday night against his former side, whilst captaining the Chairboys to victory.

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