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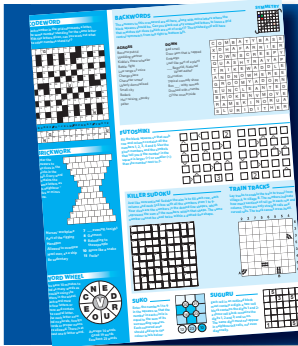
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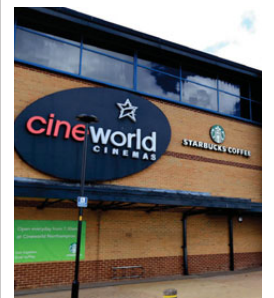
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Mixed results for the men

MARLOW men's 1st team remain second in their respective league after falling to a 3-2 defeat against Banbury.

The Oxfordshire-based club were strong and determined from the start and went ahead after 17 minutes.

Marlow came back and after some fluent inter-passing, as Josh Covus was on the spot to level the scores.

All-square at half-time, Banbury scored not long after the break before Cameron Beazley-Clarke equalised for Marlow before the opponents got the winner at the death.

The men's 2nd team were keen to keep their winning run going as they took on Sonning.

In all, it was an easy win for Marlow as they defeated their opponents 3-0.

James Ashburner, Matty Gillespie and Dan Field got the goals.

The men's 3s continued their push for promotion in beating Eastcote 3 away 6-0, the men's 4s beat Reading 2-0, the men's 6s were defeated 6-3 by South Berkshire and the men's 7s lost 4-1 to Slough Despondents.

A varied bag for the ladies

THE Marlow Ladies' 1st team played defeated local rivals Maidenhead 2-0 at Pound Lane within the town.

Maidenhead had their opportunities to take an early lead, but keeper Alys Ramm did well to deny the onslaught of attempts.

Despite the attacks, Marlow took the lead on 60 minutes when Martha Goodridge slotted past the keeper.

Goodridge scored again in the final minutes with a great pass from Ellie Yeomans making the final score 2-0.

The Ladies' 2nd team played out an entertaining game against Hazlemere which ended 2-2 with Eleanor Sharp and Lara Allen getting the goals.

The 4s team lost 3-1 to South Berkshire, the 5s drew 1-1 with Maidenhead, the 6s fell to a 3-0 loss at Henley and the 7s were hammered 5-0 away at Amersham & Chalfont.

How did the Chairgirls do?



It was a weekend forget for the Chairgirls as they had a mixture of results seven days ago in their respective matches

HERE is how the Wycombe Wanderers Ladies team did last week.

Notts County 3-3 Wycombe Wanderers Under 18s

Some last-minute magic from Charlie Potter secured a point for the Young Chairgirls on Saturday.

The blow of the whistle saw an instant attack from Wycombe, but then lost some composure which the opposition took advantage of and pushed forward.

This led to an early goal for Notts and an uphill battle for the young Chairgirls.

Continuous corners and free-kicks gifting both sides several opportunities yet neither was able to capitalise.

But, nearing the end of the first half, a disorganised Wycombe back-line left a gap for the County winger to smash into the top corner.

Half-time didn't change the flow of the game as Nottingham added a third goal into the corner, bouncing off the woodwork and into the back of the net.

This goal did finally wake-up Wycombe; a switch flicked as they erupted from the kick-off harassing the home team which eventually led to a misplaced pass from a Nottingham goal-kick poached by Potter and placed perfectly into the bottom right corner.

Riding this high, relentless effort from the Chairgirls in the last ten minutes granted a great shot from Fuller struck first time floated effortlessly high into the top left corner.

Now into the final minutes and a decisive attack from Wycombe's

By Craig Anderson

Molly Carter laid off the ball to her right where Potter stood unmarked, and a simple strike over the keeper was all it took.

There was hardly any time to kick off and the points were shared.

Next match: Saturday, March 11, Nottingham Forest Ladies vs Wycombe Women Under 18s, 10:30 K.O. **Bournemouth Sports 3-0 Wycombe Wanderers Women**

The Chairgirls ended their league season with defeat away to Bournemouth Sports.

Wycombe returned to Bournemouth for the second time in three weeks but this time for our final league game of the season.

Unfortunately, it was defeat unlike our last visit, a quarter final win in the League cup.

Two penalties and a close-range effort defeated the Chairgirls on this occasion. Bobby Lynch on her continuing return to first team action had a penalty saved late in the second half.

Next game: Away vs Ascot. Semi-final League Cup. Sunday March, 12, 2pm K.O.

Wycombe Wanderers Reserves 1-6 Ruislip Rangers

The first goal for Ruislip came from a corner and two goals after that rounded off a brilliant opening 45 minutes.

Three more goals followed before Keira O'Leary scored a consolation.

A tough day all round but next up is a derby against Beaconsfield Town.

Player of the Match: Molly Carter



Beaconsfield Cricket Club was launched nearly 200 years ago

Historical day for Beaconsfield Cricket Club

FOR the first time in their 198-year history, Beaconsfield Cricket Club have a woman at the helm after Kerry McLeish was elected the club chair at their annual meeting.

McLeish succeeds Graham Daniel, who stepped down after seven years as chair, having been club secretary for the previous seven years. His wife Eileen also stepped down as house and grounds chair.

The Daniels were elected Vice-Presidents of the club along with Michael Knox, Chris Price and Sam Musk, who are leaving the committee after long periods of service.

At the meeting, Josh Cunis was elected the men's 1st XI captain in succession to Zia Ashraf, who has now left the club.

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Chris Forino (left) and Sam Vokes (right) impressed Matt Bloomfield as Wycombe defeated Fleetwood Town on March 7 (Image: PA)

Duo shine in midweek

FOLLOWING Wycombe Wanderers' 2-0 victory over Fleetwood Town on March 7, manager Matt Bloomfield decided to praise two individuals on their performances.

Goal scorers Chris Forino and Sam Vokes were lauded over by the new Chairboys boss, as the duo's strikes helped the Adams Park side achieve their first win under the former club captain.

It was Wycombe's first victory in two matches as they remain just outside the play-off places.

Speaking on Forino, Bloomfield said: "Chris was excellent on Saturday against Exeter, and I thought he was excellent again tonight.

"It was great for him to get that

early goal as it gives him a boost of confidence, but he was really secure with his defending.

"The way he passed the ball around was brilliant and there was a great maturity from him this evening.

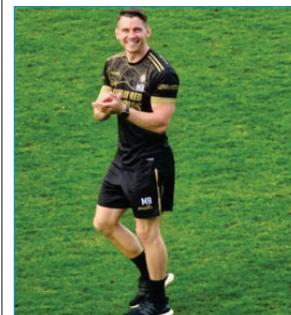
"There is a lot more to come for Chris as I still want him to improve on a few things, but we're going to help him with that.

"It was a very good performance from him."

On Sam Vokes, he added: "I thought Vokesy was brilliant on Saturday but he was even better today.

"The way he led the line, the way he brought others into play, his timing of how to press and he more than deserved his goal."

Alan Parry's Previews: Burton Albion Away



Matt Bloomfield (Carol Mason)

IT'S been a baptism of fire for Wycombe's new manager Matt Bloomfield who had to hit the ground running with three games in his first 10 days in charge.

Bloomfield celebrated his first win when Wanderers recorded an excellent 2-0 victory over in-form Fleetwood Town in midweek, and he will be looking to build on that result when the Chairboys travel north to Burton Albion on Saturday, March 11.

After taking just one point from his first two games – a defeat at Shrewsbury Town and a draw at home to Exeter City – Bloomfield was relieved and delighted to get his first three points on the board, especially as injuries have deprived him of several key players.

Regulars Josh Scowen, Ryan Tafazolli and Jordan Obita were all missing from the line up and the substitutes bench against Fleetwood comprised of five players from the development squad plus two loanees.

Wanderers' last visit to the Pirelli Stadium in April 2022 proved to be a memorable encounter.

They knew that a win would virtually guarantee a place in the play-offs, although results elsewhere in League One that day would also have an effect on the outcome.

Sam Vokes headed the Chairboys into the lead just before half time, and although Burton equalised, a late goal by Obita sealed victory to ensure they finished above Plymouth Argyle who were thrashed 5-0 by MK Dons.

The teams met again just three months later when Burton visited Adams Park on the opening day of the new season.

Wanderers swept Albion aside with three goals in the first half – an hour from David Wheeler, Anis Mehmeti and Josh Scowen, and went on to win 3-0.

It was Wycombe's fourth successive league victory over Burton, but their record at the Pirelli Stadium isn't so impressive with four defeats in their last six visits.

The clubs have faced each other sixteen times since the first meeting in a FA Cup tie in 1955 and honours are even with eight wins each and not a single draw.

Burton's home form has been patchy this season with only five wins from 16 games, but they have drawn with promotion contenders Plymouth and Derby County.

Bloomfield beams after Wycombe win



Bloomfield's first win in charge of Wycombe took place in his third game, as they defeated Fleetwood 2-0 (Carol Mason)

WYCOMBE boss Matt Bloomfield has described his first win as the club's manager as 'amazing', following Wanderers' 2-0 victory over Fleetwood Town on March 7.

An early Chris Forino header along with a well-taken Sam Vokes goal confirmed the three points for the Chairboys as they remain in seventh place, just four points off the top six.

It ended a run of two matches without a win, and despite losing several key first-team players, the manager thanked his squad for their 'togetherness and organisation' when taking on Scott Brown's side.

He told the press: "It feels amazing.

"I'm so proud to be the manager of this football club and to get the first win genuinely means the world to me.

"I had to thank the boys afterwards but it's not about me, it's the way they performed and I thought they were excellent in the way they took the game plan and put it into action.

"We learnt a lot from Saturday and we went over what we wanted to do in training and in the meeting room yesterday, and the way the boys took it on the pitch along with the endeavour, the effort and the togetherness along with the organisation shows how good they were tonight.

"I'm so pleased.

"It means the world to me to be here and do this job, and I want

By James Richings

to do the best I possibly can.

"That winning feeling is amazing but we need to put this to bed as we have another big game on Saturday."

On the match, which saw Wanderers register 22 shots, more than double what they achieved against Exeter three days prior, Bloomfield added: "We could have been more ahead in the opening 20-25 minutes as our performance deserved more just the one goal.

"But even then, Fleetwood were passing it around and they are a decent team.

"They had a foothold in the game at one point so we had to show our organisation and structure regarding our defensive shape which I thought we did.

"But I always thought we carried that attacking threat as Garath McCleary, Brandon Hanlan and Sam Vokes all went close, but Sam got his goal and what a good goal it was too."

Wycombe's next fixtures:

Mar 11: Burton (A)
Mar 14: Bristol Rovers (A)
Mar 18: Barnsley (H)
Mar 25: Charlton (A)
Apr 1: MK (H)
Apr 7: Ipswich (A)
Apr 10: Forest Green (H)
Apr 15: Morecambe (A)
Apr 18: Cambridge (A)
Apr 22: Lincoln (H)
Apr 29: Cheltenham (H)

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The youngsters at Adams Park could get more game time

Development players will have their part to play before the season is up

MANAGER Matt Bloomfield hopes that several of Wycombe Wanderers' development players will get regular minutes between now and the end of the season.

The Chairboys' bench in the 2-0 win over Fleetwood Town on Tuesday [March 7] consisted of names that have collectively featured just 55 times for the club.

But with players such as Tjaj De Barr, Jasper Pattenden, and Jack Wakely getting periodic minutes from the bench in recent fixtures, the 39-year-old believes more is yet to come from those on the periphery.

He said: "We are carrying a couple of injuries at the moment which happens."

"But the development boys are eager to learn and improve

and hopefully they will be able to learn a lot from the experience."

"We hope to have some of the experienced ones back in time for the weekend."

One of Wanderers' subs from the victory over the Cod Army on March 7 was Christie Ward.

The striker, who joined Wycombe from Non League Brockenhurst in the summer,

has spent the last four months on loan at Hungerford Town where he scored two goals in 15 matches.

Speaking about the young Welsh midfielder, Bloomfield added: "I really like the look of Christie."

"He's got a bright future ahead of him."

"We want to help him with his development."

Inspiring words from the boss

WYCOMBE Wanderers manager Matt Bloomfield has revealed that he tries and dissects matches through 'unemotional eyes'.

The newly appointed boss at Adams Park has taken charge of three games since returning from Colchester United in February, with those fixtures resulting in one victory, one draw, and one loss.

As things stand, Wanderers sit in seventh place and are just four points off the play-offs spots, but have a game in hand over Derby County, the team one place above them.

Speaking to the press ahead of Wanderers' trip to Burton Albion this weekend, Bloomfield said: "There were bits I was pleased with from our performance the other night against Fleetwood, both defensively, in attack, and in and out of possession."

"But there are a few things that we want to keep improving on, win, lose, or draw."

"One thing I have been trying to do over the last five months is to try and look at the game with unemotional eyes."

"This is to try and analyse the games in the best way so we can get better."

"My mind is all about continual improvement and trying to be better every day."

"Of course, you need to get results but it's about how you get them that's the most important thing."

Wycombe's trip to the Pirelli Stadium this weekend will be their first since the final day

By James Richings

of last season.

A header from Sam Vokes and a last-gasp Jordan Obita tap-in gave Wanderers a 2-1 victory over the Brewers which confirmed their place in that campaign's play-off spots.

Roughly 1,500 Chairboys fans made the trip up the M40 to enjoy what was a brilliant away day for the club.

Reflecting on last year's away win at Burton, Bloomfield said: "The memories of Burton away last season are still really fresh."

"We got good memories of the last time we were there, and we hope to create some more."

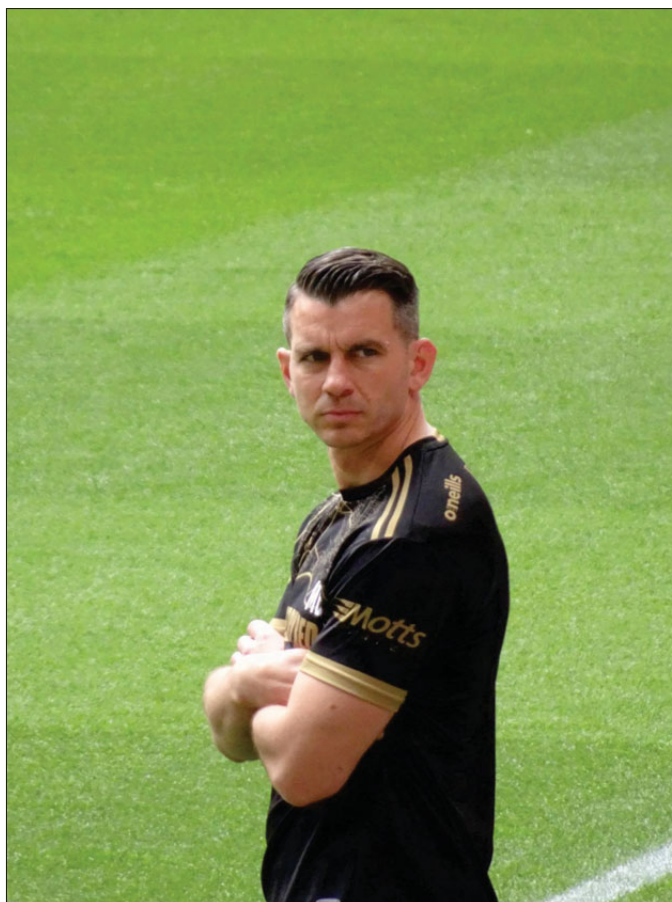
"It's a place I've been to several times, and we know that this will be a tough game."

"So first and foremost, we need to make sure that training goes well tomorrow (March 10), because we have got certain plans we want to put in place."

The reverse fixture between these two fixtures took place on the opening day of this season which resulted in a 3-0 home win for Wycombe at Adams Park.

David Wheeler, Anis Mchmeti, and Josh Scowen got the goals for the Chairboys.

To read more of the latest Wycombe Wanderers news, go to www.bucksfreepress.co.uk/sport or follow James Richings on Twitter at @James_BFP.



Matt Bloomfield has taken charge of three matches as Wycombe (Carol



Gareth Ainsworth (PA)

Ainsworth nominated for prize

FORMER Wycombe Wanderers manager Gareth Ainsworth has been nominated for February's Manager of the Month Award in League One.

The 49-year-old departed the Adams Park side on February 21 to join Queens Park Rangers in the Championship, whilst Wanderers legend Matt Bloomfield has returned to the club following a brief spell at Colchester United.

Prior to Ainsworth's move to West London, he won all four games he took charge of during the month, which included important home victories against Derby County and Bolton Wanderers respectively.

The other managers that have been nominated for the accolade include Fleetwood Town's Scott Brown, Sheffield Wednesday's Darren Moore and Barnsley's Michael Duff.

Ainsworth took charge of 550 matches during his 10-and-a-bit years in charge of Wycombe, winning 219, drawing 137 and losing 194.

His highlights at Adams Park included taking Wycombe to three play-off finals in 2015, 2020 and 2022, avoiding relegation from the Football League in 2014 and earning automatic promotion into League One in 2018.