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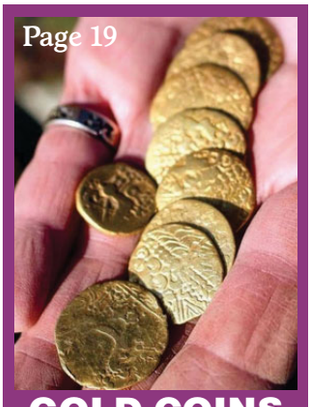

GOLD COINS UNEARTHED

Port Vale sign former Wycombe target

PORT Vale have confirmed the signing of former Wycombe Wanderers forward, and summer target, Uche Ikpeazu.

The 28-year-old spent the 2020/21 campaign at Adams Park before making the move to Middlesbrough in 2021.

He has since played in Wales and Turkey, but was reportedly a strong target for Matt Bloomfield over the summer.

Released from Konyaspor in June; Queens Park Rangers, Huddersfield Town and Sheffield Wednesday all joined the Chairboys in pursuit of the forward.

Reportedly having a medical for Wycombe, no move materialised and Port Vale have confirmed a deal until the end of the season.

The former Reading youngster spent some time at Vale Park in 2015/16 on loan from Watford, scoring five goals.

Speaking of the signing of Uche Ikpeazu, Port Vale FC Manager, Andy Crosby, said: "I am excited to welcome Uche into the team. He joins the group to provide competition and goals at the top end of the pitch having scored goals in League One and in the Championship in recent seasons.

"As a person, Uche has an infectious personality and wants to push himself every day to become the best possible version of himself."

Port Vale FC's Director of Football, David Flitcroft, added: "Uche is a powerhouse of a player and provides us with another dimension that combines and compliments our other attacking options and we have brought him in at this stage of the season to provide further competition for places.

"At 28, Uche is at his prime physically and mentally. His infectious personality and character mirrors the squad ethos and I am sure that he will be just as much as a positive influence off the pitch as he is on it."

Aylesbury's Ellen White lifts medal

Lioness Ellen White with tournament winners from the Royal Navy

By Isabella Perrin

BUCKINGHAMSHIRE'S Ellen White, Lionesses' leading goal scorer, celebrated the public sector's female football talent over the weekend at the first CSSC Duchess of Gloucester Trophy.

Organised by the Civil Service and Public Sector's exclusive membership organisation, CSSC, this inaugural women's tournament took place at the FA's St. George's Park National Football Centre and witnessed 18 dynamic teams from across the civil service and public sector.

The competition was named in honour of CSSC's patron, Duchess of Gloucester, symbolising efforts to amplify female participation in football following an impressive summer for the sport.

CSSC, founded in 1921, is a non-profit organisation that encourages its 130,000 members to foster healthier and more active lifestyles.

In this spirit, teams from various sectors, including the NHS, Department of Education, police force, and military, showcased their on-pitch prowess.

White's presence was a highlight.

She offered tactical guidance to teams and joined the Duchess of Gloucester on stage during the prize-giving ceremony.

"Witnessing such a high level of competition has been amazing," the footballer shared.

"I'm very passionate about progressing women's football, and events like this, which enable women to assemble a team and just play, are vital." The Lionesses' star praised the dedication of the over 150 seen on pitch, adding, "The atmosphere has been electric all day.

"I eagerly look forward to the growth of this competition with CSSC's backing."

The day's champions were the Royal Navy Women, triumphing over the Goals Aloud, a Newcastle-based team of teachers and NHS workers.

The plate competition saw the West Midlands Police team prevail against the RAF Women's Vets side, reaffirming the wide spread of talent within the public sector.

Matt Bazeley OBE, CSSC CEO, endorsed the event's success.

"The Lionesses' accomplishments during last summer's EUROs and the recent FIFA Women's World Cup underscored the potent potential and passion inherent in the women's game," he commented.

"We're thrilled to reinforce our commitment towards female football.

"This tournament invites our members and their colleagues to take up and persist in the sport."

Bazeley rounded off his statement expressing gratitude towards the Duchess of Gloucester and Ellen White for their participation, and congratulating the Royal Navy on their victory.

"The tournament exhibited remarkable skills," he stated, "and anticipation builds for its future development."

National Spinal Injuries Centre Stoke Mandeville winners

Local team wins at paralympic wheelchair event

WHEELPOWER, the national wheelchair sports charity, invited 72 spinal cord injury patients to compete in the annual Inter Spinal Unit Games at Stoke Mandeville Stadium—the cradle of the Paralympic movement.

Patients travelled from spinal units across the UK, including teams from the National Spinal Injuries Centre in Buckinghamshire and the Queen Elizabeth National Spinal Injuries Unit in Glasgow.

The event provides injured adults the opportunity to discover the life-changing benefits of participating in sports.

Emily Weller, Head of Sport at WheelPower, said: "Many of our participants arrive at Stoke Mandeville with nerves and anxieties but once the event begins you see the real power of sport in action, and smiles and joy just grows day after day. We are grateful to all of our coaches, volunteers, our physical activity advisors and physios for making this event such a welcoming one and we hope that following this experience many of those people we watched this week will go on to enjoy sport and activity for many many years to come."

Manager Matt Bloomfield

Key to goal scoring run

MATT Bloomfield said he wants his side to play with 'confidence' and a 'swagger' which could be the answer to continue and improve the Chairboys' goal-scoring run.

Wycombe Wanderers won the game 2 – 0 at Adams Park against ten men Carlisle United with goals from Luke Leahy and Sam Vokes.

A nightmare from Jökull Andresson saw him sent off after Swiping his arm at the ball after a bizarre run of play allowing Wycombe's number nine to sneak up on the Icelandic Keeper stealing possession away.

Matt Bloomfield spoke on what he emphasised to his side at halftime: "[that] it's really important to keep the intensity in the play, one of the issues you have playing against ten men is it can become too pedestrian. Playing too much at one pace. We need to make sure we played with a tempo and an intensity in our play."

Reflecting on whether his side achieved the focus of his half-time team talk: "I think we did that intermittently in the second half. If I'm going to be honest, some of the stuff I was really pleased with, but at other times I think we dropped off, but at 1 – 0 up there is always going to be a safety net of being a goal ahead, that was the message at half time and invariably we did that in the second half."

Wycombe's attacking outlay reflected the scoreline with 19 shots and 1.92 expected goals.

Wanderers breeze past Carlisle United

Sean Maguire is denied at Wycombe (Image: Barbara Abbott)

By Cameron Wilson

WYCOMBE Wanderers bounce back from defeat against Charlton in a comfortable 2 – 0 after a Jökull Andresson blunder.

The first chance of the game fell to Jasper Pattenden three minutes in, who was fortunate to receive a 'miss hit' from Sam Vokes end in the full back's path, but would fire the ball well over the bar.

A flurry of Wycombe attacks was being attacked by Chris Forino whose aerial prowess was on full display. First a flick on to Domonic Potts.

McCleary's Corner just couldn't be converted as it fell to Forino but his header went down and was an easy stop for Jökull Andresson.

But that would be his last positive impact on the game after a moment of madness, as the Icelandic keeper was completely unaware of Vokes standing ten yards behind him. The Carlisle Shot stopper would drop the ball to waste time and get his side forward but the Welsh international would sneak up on him ripping the ball from his feet.

This caused Andresson in a frenzy to rush down and block the ball but used his right arm in the process outside his box. Then referee Scott Tallis would give Carlisle's number 25 his marching orders.

However, the Blues would respond quickly, after Armer's cross caused a clash between Richard Keough and Jon Mellish, the ball would line up perfectly for Fin Back's low strike hitting the near post.

Garath McCleary would be inspired after the sending-off and would take on anyone and everyone, the winger would tease Paul Huntington to dive in to stop his alluring turns and spins winning the Wanderers a penalty.

In the 40th minute, Luke Leahy would step up to the spot and slot his penalty into the bottom right corner giving the Chairboys the lead.

McCleary's enthusiasm was inspiring others Hanlan started showing his flair, with his cross going to the Jamaican who couldn't wrap it home to secure a two-nil lead going into halftime.

To open the second period, Vokes would go close twice, his first opportunity with a brilliant Wycombe move starting with Scowen who dips his cross to the far post, allowing Pattenden to head it back across goal, but the former Burnley Forward would catch it to high, as the ball lopped over the bar.

His second chance came yet again from Scowen who leaked Matt Bloomfield's number nine through on goal but would toe punt it straight at the keeper.

The wasted shot seemed to cause a switch-off in midfield as Jordan Gibson would charge through releasing Maguire but brilliantly blocked by Joe Low.

Finally, Sam Vokes would get his goal, having his defender pinned allowed pots to place into his path, and the Welshman would easily roll his defender placing the ball into the bottom right corner.

Parry's Preview: Fleetwood highlights

Wycombe Wanderers

WYCOMBE return to the scene of one of their most memorable results of recent years when they make the 440 miles round trip to the Victorian seaside resort of Fleetwood on Saturday, October 7.

Chairboys fans will never forget the 2019-20 campaign when the Covid epidemic caused the season to be curtailed. Wanderers finished third and Fleetwood sixth in League One after the points-per-game rule was applied, so they met in the semi-final of the playoffs.

A magnificent 4-1 victory at Fleetwood's Highbury Stadium paved the way for Wanderers to reach the Wembley final where they beat Oxford United to earn promotion to the Championship.

Wycombe are on top in head-to-head meetings with Fleetwood with six wins, six draws and only three defeats.

They have lost just once in the last ten league games against them, a 1-0 reverse in 2013-14, the only time they have left the Highbury Stadium without at least a point.

Wanderers drew 1-1 there last season thanks to a goal by Anis Mehmeti, and beat them 2-0 at Adams Park with Chris Forino and Sam Vokes on target.

Despite average home crowds of only 3,000, Fleetwood have spent the last ten seasons in League One and have rarely been in danger of relegation.

In 2016-17 they finished fourth but missed out on a Wembley final after losing by a single goal to Bradford City in the playoff semis.

They were thirteenth last season, four places and eleven points behind Wanderers, in their first campaign under manager Scott Brown, the former Celtic and Scotland player.

Brown was sacked in September after a bad start which saw Fleetwood take only one point from their first six league games. He was replaced by Lee Johnson, an experienced manager who has had spells in charge of Barnsley, Bristol City and Sunderland.

Johnson guided Fleetwood to their first league win of the season when they beat Leyton Orient 1-0 in their last home game a week ago, but they are still struggling in the wrong half of the table and Wanderers fans will see this match as an opportunity to collect another three points.

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Isaac Maddern

Marlow men's hockey prepare to host Trojans after 1-1 to Oxford

Marlow men's 1st team fought hard but disappointingly drew 1-1 with Oxford University 1sts despite dominating statistically in hockey.

Isaac Maddern, a new recruit bravely put Marlow 1-0 up after 27 minutes but Oxford levelled 10 minutes into the second half with a mighty strike, goalkeeper Max Chawner-Davis was helpless.

Marlow's corner tally skyrocketed into double figures, yet conversion of corners eluded them, causing palpable frustration.

Sam North, Marlow's captain admirably showcased his long-range distribution skill, earning him the man of the match accolade, but unfortunately Marlow couldn't net any more goals.

Their latest tally, 1 point from 6, was not the start they aimed for.

However, the Marlow men are now fiercely focusing on their training as they anticipate hosting the Trojans at the upcoming match next week, kicking off at 4.30pm at Pound Lane.

The men's 2nds had a good win at home against Milton Keynes 1st team. Johhny Mee opened the scoring in the 4th minute with a nice finish to an attacking move down the right.

Pompey stage late Fratton comeback

By James Earnshaw

WYCOMBE Wanderers boss Matt Bloomfield was left 'really angry' as Portsmouth stole a dramatic 2-1 win at Fratton Park.

Josh Scowen had given the Chairboys the lead on Tuesday evening, but Colby Bishop and Conor Shaughnessy turned the game on it's head in the second half to make it 22 league matches unbeaten.

But it was not without controversy, as Bloomfield was left seething Shaughnessy's headed winner in the 98th minute- complaining that keeper Max Stryjek was fouled.

He said: "I am very angry and frustrated, and also sorry for the supporters who made the journey on a Tuesday night.

"It was a blatant foul on the goalkeeper for their second. Their player jumps into him and prevents him from catching the ball and flattens him.

"I was very proud of the lads tonight and thought we carried a threat even in the second half. We deserved something from the game.

"Decisions against us are becoming a regular occurrence.

"It is so disappointing that the lads work extremely hard and decisions like that cost us getting something out of the game. That's the second game in a row we have been hard done by.

"We were really looking forward to this game, so disappointed to come away with nothing.

"We obviously have to pick ourselves up from this. We go to Fleetwood on Saturday, and we need to start getting points."

Pompey boss John Mousinho added: "Mousinho said: "It feels amazing to be honest. To have the reaction to scoring the goal in front of the Fratton End; the whole stadium went up.

"I thought we thoroughly deserved the win. We obviously left it very late, and I only allowed myself a few seconds to celebrate because I knew I had to get Sean Raggett on straight away"

"I thought our chance had gone when Colby missed a chance at the far post.

"My emotions wouldn't have been quite as happy if we hadn't scored that late goal but I would have been as happy with the performance and how we went about things. Overall I'm pleased with tonight.

"We stood up to the physical test really well. Wycombe are really good at what they do. They have a Premier League centre forward and have plenty of Championship calibre behind it.

"We went a goal behind and it is difficult from there. Wycombe sat in and made it difficult. We stuck at it under difficult circumstances and were absolutely superb."

The Chairboys host struggling Fleetwood Town on Saturday, looking to make it five unbeaten at Adams Park.

Josh Scowen put Wycombe Wanderers into a first-half lead. Credit: PA

Leanne Wellings in the top right

Athletics coach wins gold

HIGH Wycombe's Leanne Wellings is storming the athletics world, setting a new European record in the Mixed 45 4 x 400m relay.

The European Masters Athletics Championships, held in Pescara, Italy from September 21 to October 1, saw the Irish team breaking records and earning medals.

With high-profile teammates including Carlton Haddock, Annette Quaid, and Ger Cremin, Leanne led Team Ireland in achieving gold.

Not resting on their laurels, the team snagged a second gold in the W40 women's 4 x 400m.

Sharing the success were Quaid, Bronwen McDonald, and Maria Dunne.

Besides, Leanne also secured a brilliant bronze in the W35 4 x 100m relay alongside Mary Scanlon, Clare Quinn, and Gemma Thompson.

These victories have not only enriched Leanne's burgeoning medal cabinet but also etched her name into the annals of European and Irish athletics history.

The time achieved in the Mixed 4 x 400m of 3.49.52 is awaiting ratification as a new European record.

"I'm absolutely delighted," confessed the elated athlete, adding, "I had hoped to win a single medal, but bagging three, including two gold ones, ends my best season in Masters Athletics."

A fitness coach as well, Leanne guides local athletes from Wycombe Phoenix Harriers AC and her Irish club, Lucan Harriers.

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