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Driver angry after fuel breaks his car

Watery diesel after visit to petrol station

A PETROL station has apologised after a motorist's car was damaged from contaminated fuel.

Miles Retail, which runs the Jet filling station in Desborough Park Road, confirmed to the Bucks Free Press that its diesel tank became contaminated over the weekend.

Marian Coman drove on to the forecourt on January 6 and filled up his car with 14 litres of diesel, but noticed an error message on his car dashboard 20 minutes later.

By Isabella Perrin

The message read: "Water in fuel – Contact Service".

To Mr Coman's astonishment, white smoke started billowing from the car's exhaust pipe.

The incident, at 12.40pm, shortly after returning from his son's football training, has rendered his car inoperable.

Mr Coman said: "I've called Greenflag – my breakdown provider – to

assist me with the car and they have told me that the car needs to be seen by Fuel Doctor, or to take it to a garage, to have the tank drained and filters changed, which will cost me a good few hundred pounds that's if the engine has not been affected."

Consequently, Mr Coman has to cope with the unexpected financial burden of borrowing and insuring a car for daily use.

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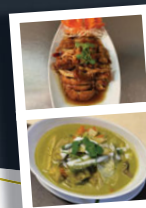
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Sport

SPORT: WEEKLY HOCKEY REPORT

A busy weekend for the Marlow Women

HOW did the Marlow Women's club do last week?

Women's results
Marlow 1st team hosted 4th-placed Bournemouth in a rearranged game. Vic Allen started her first game after being injured in the best way possible by scoring for the Reds after 8 minutes. Bournemouth replied with an equalizer just minutes later.

Marlow took the lead again in the 12th minute with captain Rachel Goodwin and Beth Halbard linking up enabling Goodwin to slot the ball

past the Bournemouth keeper.

Bournemouth pressed hard and dominated possession in the last 10 minutes of the first half and found another equalizer to leave the score 2-2 at half-time.

Marlow started the second half with determination and Lauren Hilditch put the ball past the keeper to give Marlow the lead again.

Both teams had many more opportunities in front of goal and Bournemouth scored their third goal from a break.

Marlow upped the tempo in the final 10 minutes to try and find a winner but it didn't come and the final score stood at 3-3.

In a game where either team could have snatched a victory, a draw seemed the fairest result.

Despite dropping two points Marlow remain unbeaten and are six points ahead at the top of the league.

Other results:- 3rd team lost 4-2 to Reading4, 4s lost 4-0 to Oxford Hawks 4, 5s lost 1-0 away to Newbury & Thatcham3, 6s beat Wycombe4 2-1 away.



Vic Allen in action for Marlow

FOOTBALL: CLUB HIT WITH DAMAGED STAND

Stadium hit by hard luck again due to the weather

A JUST Giving page has been launched after a stand at a Buckinghamshire football stadium was destroyed in the recent storms.

Aylesbury Vale Dynamos, a Non League side that plays their respective home games at Haywood Way within the town, revealed that the stand behind one of their goals was completely written off at the start of the calendar year.

This was due to both Storm Gerit and Storm Henk respectively, with the club needing to fork out roughly £6,500 to get the stand fixed.

On their Just Giving page, it reads: "We are no stranger to the effects of mother nature as you will all know, and are hit each year with severe flooding, and last year frozen pipes that closed the clubhouse for five months.

"This year we have been hit with another unexpected slap in the face.

"The recent storms have destroyed our spectator cow shed and left a path of destruction in its wake.

"We try and stay positive through everything thrown at us, and we work hard to make the club the best it can be for all who visit, but this has caught us off guard and we really could do with some help to buy materials for a new shelter.

"Any donations will be greatly appreciated no matter how big or small.

"Once up and running again we will pay it forward by donating the proceeds of a Saturday game gate to another club or organisation who needs help in some way."

It is the fourth season in a row that the Dynamos have been hit by hard luck.

During the 2020/21 campaign, the club saw their Haywood Way

By James Richings

home submerged under water due to heavy storms at the start of 2021.

Just over a year later, the club were broken into and had cash taken from the till in a late-night burglary.

This happened just days after they announced that one of their league games would be free of charge to spectators, in exchange for surplus kits that would be donated to Africa.

Last season in December 2022, frozen pipes caused significant ceiling damage and leaks in their clubhouse which was eventually closed for five months.

At the time of writing, £4,364 has been donated to help the football club.

Many people have also expressed their well-wishes to the club via social media.

Simon Lacey said: "Best wishes from all of us at Aylesbury United - know how hard it is to keep clubs going without set backs like this.

"Lawrence Shave said: "I'm shocked to see this."

Christine Williams said: "Gutting to see.

"I can't help with any of the physical stuff but I am told I make a mean cup of tea and a decent bacon sarnie.

"Hopefully the water will recede soon and there will be plenty of support from volunteers and the local community to help tidy this mess up. Chin up Dynamos, good luck surely coming your way soon."

To donate, go to www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/DynamosStandFund.



Aylesbury Vale Dynamos play their games at the Haywood Way Stadium

SPORT: FOOTBALL

Milestone for the manager

WYCOMBE Wanderers manager said he is 'proud' as he prepares to take charge of his 50th game in charge of the club this weekend.

The Chairboys face Lincoln City with the Adams Park side aiming to record their fifth game in all competitions without defeat.

In his previous 49 matches at the helm, he enjoyed 18 wins, suffered 19 defeats and experienced 12 draws.

He said: "To get to 50 games is great and I hope it'll be one of many milestones it's a nice number to tick off and I want to celebrate it in style.

"There have been good moments and indifferent moments and right now, we're on a good ride and we want to continue that.

"The difference between winning and losing as a manager is huge so I want to win as much as I can.

"I want us to put a performance out there which we can be proud of as that's what it's about for me.

"Coming off the back of what Gaz [Gareth Ainsworth] did here meant there was a time of change here and I've been fortunate to create something at Wycombe."

NON LEAGUE

New face in the dugout

A FOOTBALL club that was once affiliated with Beaconsfield Town have appointed their new manager.

Windsor FC, who play in the Combined Counties Football League, confirmed the arrival of ex-Huddersfield Town and Panionios defender Garry Haylock as their latest man in charge, following his departure from Binfield in the middle of December.

Haylock said: "I was planning to take a break from football but the opportunity to manage Windsor and develop young players through the Windsor and Beaconsfield partnership came up and was ideal for me."

In Windsor's statement, they said: "We are delighted to confirm the appointment of Garry Haylock as our new first team manager.

"A former footballer with Huddersfield Town, Shelbourne and Portadown amongst others, Garry's extensive coaching and management experience includes periods at; Hayes & Yeading Utd in the National League and Farnborough Town, as well as time spent at Exeter City as first team coach and analyst."

Windsor are 17th from 22 positions in the Combined Counties Football League, where they have won six of their 23 league games this season.

SPORT: BURTON 1-1 WYCOMBE

Another away point for the Chairboys



It was only the second league draw between the two clubs and they have both taken place this season (NQ)

WYCOMBE Wanderers manager Matt Bloomfield believes his side's 1-1 draw against Burton Albion was a 'good point' as the Chairboys made it three unbeaten in the league.

The Adams Park side fell a goal behind thanks to a Bez Lubala strike 57 minutes, before Sam Vokes equalised with a stunning volley to share the spoils in Staffordshire.

It was only the second league draw between the two sides (the first came earlier this season), with Vokes' goal being his fifth of the campaign and his second in as many goals.

The result means Wanderers remain 16th whilst Burton move up to 17th.

Bloomfield, who was serving a one-match touchline ban following his third yellow card of the season against Bristol Rovers on New Year's Day [January 1], said: "It's a good

point.

"Burton have been very resolute in recent weeks as they don't concede many goals and have been hard to beat.

"We knew it would be tough and a completely different game to Bristol Rovers on Monday.

"Any point away from home needs to be respected but I think we did enough to win it.

"We'll look at the positives and get ready for Tuesday night.

"I'm so pleased and proud of how many players have played today.

"I told them how important it was for them to try and get another win after what happened on Monday, but I knew it was going to be very different.

"Burton have got some good players and I thought we adapted well."

AP'S PREVIEWS

There was no need to panic

AS the old saying goes, there are three kinds of lies – lies, damned lies and statistics.

I thought of this when Wycombe manager Matt Bloomfield was criticised on social media this week because his team has won only one of their last four-teen league games.

Ahead of the visit of Lincoln City to Adams Park on Saturday, January 13, Bloomfield's detractors have used the statistic to argue that he has been a failure as manager and should be replaced.

No one at Wanderers is pretending that the first half of the season was anything other than disappointing, but it was nowhere near as bad as some people would have you believe.

Statistics can be used to 'prove' whatever you want them to prove, and in that run of fourteen games the Chairboys suffered just six defeats, which tells a much more encouraging story.

No fewer than eight of Wycombe's 25 league games have ended in stalemate, and only Charlton Athletic (nine) have drawn more games in League One.

It is evidence that Bloomfield's team has become difficult to beat, a fact underlined by six of their 10 defeats being by just a single goal margin.

However, they now need wins to climb the table and following the excellent 3-2 victory over Bristol Rovers in the last home game, hopes are high that they can collect another three points against Lincoln.

The visitors have the advantage of not having played since New Year's Day because last week's scheduled opponents Shrewsbury Town were involved in the FA Cup.

The Imps are five places higher than the Chairboys in the table, but they lost their last two away games against Derby County and Blackpool, and they are the lowest scorers in the top half with just twenty-nine goals in twenty-eight games.

The clubs have met 26 times in league games with Lincoln winning 10 of the previous encounters to Wycombe's eight victories.

They comfortably beat Wanderers in the reverse fixture at the start of the season, scoring three goals in the last 20 minutes without reply, but they have won only once in their last seven visits to Adams Park.

SPORT: WANDERERS 2-1 WEST HAM UNITED U21S

Through to the final eight as Wycombe beat the Hammers

A DEBUT goal from new signing Richard Kone cemented Wycombe's place in the last eight of the EFL Trophy, as Wanderers defeated West Ham United U21s 2-1 at Adams Park.

The Chairboys took looked bright early one as Kone nearly put the home side a goal up inside the opening 90 seconds, before the deadlock was broken moments later.

On six minutes, a Joe Jacobson corner caused a small scramble in the West Ham box as the ball

found its way to Killian Phillips.

It bounced off the young Irishman's knee via a huge ricochet off Lewis Orford before it went over the goal line.

Phillips ran off celebrating what he thought was his third of the campaign, but the strike was accredited to the young Hammer.

Wycombe continued to dominate and on 32 minutes, they doubled their lead through a player who will likely be a fan favourite.

After West Ham's captain, Michael Forbes, gave the ball

away, Kone ran through on goal, shrugged off a couple of defenders and placed it beyond Joseph Anang with his left foot.

It's the first professional goal of his career, and judging by how composed he was with the finish, this could be the first of many.

Wanderers piled on the pressure as West Ham, who went into the contest unbeaten in their last 16 matches, couldn't get close to a sight at goal.

The second half started with Wycombe having a bombardment of shots at the Hammers goal, with David Wheeler, Kane Vincent-Young and Josh Scowen all going close.

But in the blink of an eye, the East London side pulled a goal back as Gideon Kodua's fierce effort flew past Franco Ravazzoli on 57 minutes.

Moments earlier, the Argentine had denied the soon-to-be West Ham scorer.

Despite the visitors pulling a goal back, Wycombe nearly extended their advantage as Luke Leahy went close twice before Anang denied Garath McCleary.



Wycombe have reached the QFs for the first time since the 2016/17 season (PA)

THE STARTING LINE-UP

25. Ravizzoli

39. Skura

5. Forino

3. Jacobson

7. Wheeler

22. Phillips

4. Scowen

44. Vincent-

Young

35. Ward

20. Taylor

24. Kone

SUBS USED:

GRIMMER,

VOKES, Leahy

& McCleary

Big plans for the future in terms of transfers

WYCOMBE Wanderers manager Matt Bloomfield has hinted that 'one or two more' players could join the club this transfer window.

The Chairboys have already acquired the services of the Ivorian striker Richard Kone from Athletic Newham, with the 20-year-old scoring on his debut in the club's 2-1 victory against the West Ham U21s in the EFL Trophy.

Wanderers are currently looking to add to their forward line, preferably with a creative midfielder or another striker.

This also means that departures are imminent, however, no confirmation of any exits, excluding Kian Breckin's return to Manchester City, have been publicly revealed.

Speaking after the club's round of 16 win against the Hammers on January 9, Bloomfield said:

"We're looking to recruit and we're hoping to bring one or two more in.

"We're really happy about Richard [Kone] but we still believe there is an opportunity to strengthen, and we'll see what that looks like."

On Kone's arrival and performance on his inaugural competitive appearance for the Chairboys, he continued: "We had to wait until January but he's been

training with us since then.

"He knows where the net is, he's very composed but we need to be careful not to put too much pressure on him as he's a young boy.

"He's one that we've been waiting for and I think he'll play a huge part in our future."

Kone spent four years at Athletic Newham in the Non League where he scored over 100 goals.

He also had a trial at Colchester United.

SPORT

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Former fan favourite banned from football activity



Senda spent seven years at Wycombe from '99 and '06 (PA)

FORMER Wycombe Wanderers defender Danny Senda has been suspended from all footballing activity for four years after he sexually assaulted two women on a coaching course.

The 42-year-old committed his offences in June 2023, but the ex-player, who also represented Millwall, Torquay United, Bristol Rovers and Barnet during his playing days, states he has 'no recollection' of the incidents.

Daniel Senda has been suspended from all football and football-related

activity for four years following misconduct on a course in June 2023 in relation to two complainants.

As the incidents occurred overseas, UK authorities had no jurisdiction to take action.

FA Spokesperson said: "Women deserve to be involved in professional football without the fear of any form of abuse.

"This was a shocking case, and we investigated the very serious allegations as soon as we were made aware of them.

"We thank the victims for reporting

the incidents to us, and supporting the investigation through to its conclusion, and we are deeply sorry that they endured such a terrible experience.

"The behaviour shown by Daniel Senda in June 2023 will not be tolerated.

"We will investigate all allegations of sexual assault in a football environment which are reported to us - usually working with the police, but in this case, the incidents happened overseas so were not within the jurisdiction of UK law

enforcement.

"We hope that the very lengthy ban serves as a strong deterrent, and a clear signal that women in football will be supported and protected and offenders will be severely punished."

Senda spent seven years at Adams Park where he played 316 league games, scoring nine league goals.

He also appeared in the 2005/06 League Two Team of the Year in his final season with Wycombe.

He was Charlton Athletic's assistant manager at the time of the offences.

Reflecting after another win in the EFL Trophy

By James Richings

WYCOMBE Wanderers manager Matt Bloomfield has insisted he wants to take the EFL Trophy 'seriously' following the club's 2-1 victory over the West Ham United U21s.

The Chairboys' win against the PL2 side means they are in the hat for the quarter-finals, a stage of the competition they have not reached since the 2016/17 season.

That year, they reached the semis before losing to Coventry City, who would go on to win that year's competition.

However, despite having one eye on the cup run, the boss has insisted that the league is the club's 'bread and butter', as they also aim to get into the top half of the table.

Speaking after the club win, he said: "There have been some big clubs that you would have expected to have done well in this competition fall, but we need that balance.

"The league is our bread and butter and that's the thing we need to focus on, but we want to get as far as we can and that's always been the intention from pre-season.

"We built the squad the way we did so that when it came to cup games, we were able to rotate and go for them.

"It didn't happen for us in the League Cup or the FA Cup, but we're in the final eight of this competition and we want to take it seriously.

"We can't get ahead of ourselves as football has a habit of kicking you where it hurts so we're taking one game at a time, with our focus now being on Lincoln for Saturday."

The win over the Hammers side inflicted the academy team

their first defeat in 16 matches in all competitions - a run that goes back to August.

And despite their visit to Adams Park being their first game in nearly a month due to a winter break, they provided a stern test as Franco Ravizzoli in the Wanderers goal had to make some important saves.

Bloomfield continued: "We wanted to win the game and it was an opportunity to rotate the team as we wanted to give some other players minutes.

"If there is any frustration, it would be that we weren't further ahead and not have that excitement in the last 10 minutes that we seem to create in these games.

"I'm very pleased to get through.

"We wanted to impose our physicality which we did and we could have been several goals up in no time.

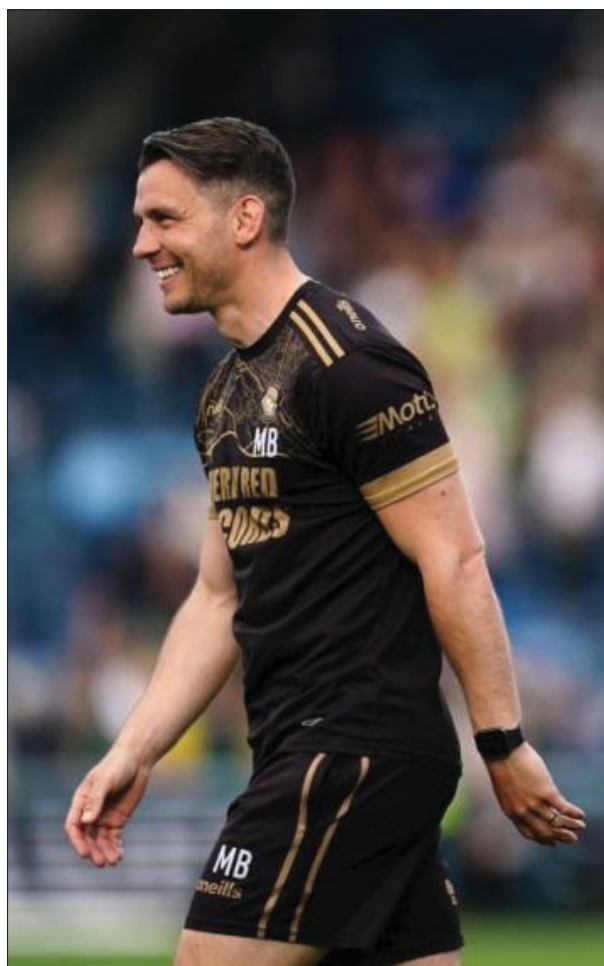
"As the game settled, they got back into it as they have several good players in terms of how they moved the ball.

"But I'm pleased with how we started on the front foot."

Up next is Lincoln at home on January 13.

Wycombe's upcoming fixtures:

Jan 13: Lincoln (H)
Jan 20: Port Vale (A)
Jan 23: Wigan (A)
Jan 27: Fleetwood (H)
Feb 3: Cheltenham (A)
Feb 10: Peterborough (A)
Feb 13: Bolton (A)
Feb 17: Oxford (H)
Feb 24: Stevenage (A)
Feb 27: Cheltenham (H)
Mar 2: Barnsley (H)



Matt Bloomfield's side defeated West Ham U21s in the EFL Trophy on January 9

Injury update provided on right-backs

WYCOMBE Wanderers manager Matt Bloomfield has revealed two players have returned to first-team training following a lengthy injury absence.

Right-wing backs, Jason McCarthy and Jasper Pattenden are now 'back on the grass' but no time frame has been given in terms of their respective comebacks.

Pattenden has not featured since suffering an injured hamstring in the 2-0 home defeat against Morecambe in the FA Cup at the start of December, whilst McCarthy has only played once all season.

This was in the 2-1 away victory against Bristol Rovers in August where he came on as a 81st-minute substitute.

He was then an unused sub in Wanderers' next two games against Sutton United and Northampton Town respectively, before sustaining a foot injury that required surgery.

Bloomfield said: "Jason McCarthy and Jasper Pattenden are both back in full training which I'm very pleased with.

"Jasper has done really well for us this season whilst Jason has pretty much missed the entire season apart from a couple of squad selections.

"He is a huge player for us and a massive character but it's great that he is back on the grass.

"Brandon, as we all know, is out for the season and Tjay is still struggling with his knee.

"We're in good health, we never know when an injury might hit so we need to try and get everyone back up to speed as quickly as possible.

"Jasper has been out for just over a month but Jason has missed a lot of games so he needs a certain volume of training to make him available for selection.

"If we can arrange a practice match then we'll certainly try."