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# Road closures for hit novel's filming

## Thursday Murder Club shoot in village

**EXCLUSIVE: Chris Manktelow**

NETFLIX is returning to Buckinghamshire to film Richard Osman's Thursday Murder Club, the Bucks Free Press can reveal.

A month after filming in Beaconsfield, the celebrity-packed production will be heading to the leafy village of Little Missenden.

Road closures will be in place from 8am to 8pm on Thursday, September 5, and the Red Lion will be closed from Thursday through to Friday evening while cameras are rolling.

The filming includes scenes inside and outside the Red Lion, as well as a main character driving along Village Road, this newspaper understands.

It comes just weeks after two of the film's stars, Pierce Brosnan and Dame Helen Mirren, were spotted staying at a hotel in Reading after shooting for the movie in Theale.

The drama is based on Richard Osman's hugely successful The Thursday Murder Club series.

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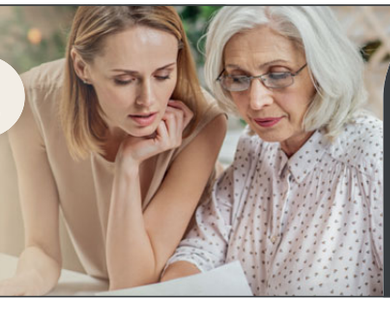

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## CHAIRGIRLS GET READY FOR NEW CAMPAIGN

# Women to start league season this weekend

**WYCOMBE Wanderers Women will kick off a new era this weekend when they begin their Southern Region Women's Football League Premier Division campaign at home to AFC Portchester at 2pm on Sunday.**

**The Chairgirls finished in fifth place last season but have set their sights on promotion this time around, having transitioned into the new management of Wycombe Wanderers Foundation, who aim to enhance the facilities, coaching and development programmes made available for women and girls across High Wycombe and Buckinghamshire.**

**A busy summer of recruitment has seen the arrival of new signings Harriott Bray, Amber Taylor, Latifa Mammeri, Beth Chapman and Jess Watkins alongside the renewed commitment of first-team stalwarts such as Emma Newberry, Sophia Attfield and Emma Kern.**

**And Wanderers fans can get their first glimpse of the team in action this Sunday at the team's home ground at The 1878 Stadium in Burnham, where tickets are available on the gate at just £4 for adults (aged 17+) and free for kids.**

**Meanwhile, season tickets are also on sale from tickets.wwfc.com for £35, granting access to every home game played by the first-team, under-23s and under-18s.**

**On-site parking is free of charge, and a bar and catering will be available.**

Wanderers' first game will take place this Sunday (WWWFC)

## FOOTBALL: THE RAMS' RUN ENDED AT HOME

# Beaconsfield unbeaten run ends at three with defeat

By Craig Anderson

BEACONSFIELD Town saw their unbeaten start to the season come to an end on Bank Holiday Monday as Berkhampstead won 2-1 at Holloway's Park.

Clinical finishing from Roger James was the difference as the Rams unbeaten league start to the season came to an end.

The Rams had a strong start to the game, with Jo Lawal coming close on two occasions, once after a great link-up play from Noguera Leon and Dembele, and another time, only being stopped by a good save from Bowler.

However, the game quickly turned, with two well-taken goals by Roger James giving the visitors a two-goal lead at half-time. After the break, the Rams came out with determination, quickly scoring a goal back. Brearey found Lawal, whose flick found Dembele who then slotted in Dundas, whose cross was turned in by the Berkhamsted defender. The rest of the second half was a tense affair, with both sides going close but to no avail.

The Rams had enjoyed a positive start to the long weekend, snatching a 95th-minute equaliser while down to 10 men in a 1-1 draw at Leverstock.

It started badly when Gonzalez Velasco was shown a straight red card for being the last man after the Leverstock forward was clean through on goal. It's fair to say Leverstock didn't take advantage of the extra man until added on time at the end of the half when they forced Edward Brearey into a fine stop down to his right.

After the break, Beaconsfield looked most likely to score with Dembele and Lawal looking dangerous, and it was indeed Lawal who went close with a curled effort from 25 yards out that went inches wide of the post.

However, once the clock hit 90 the drama turned up when Leverstock worked the ball down the left and Stefanoaica's header left the hosts only minutes from their first league win.

However, after a cross from Iker Noguera-Leon from the Rams right centre back Germaine Dua was strong enough to beat the Leverstock keeper in the air to send the travelling players and fans into jubilation. Assistant manager Sam Togwell said after the game ''It felt like a win.''

19-year-old Alex Peapell has broken into the first team for the Rams and featured in both matches at full-back.

Commenting on his breakthrough, the teenager said: "It was a tough game, especially 48 hours after the game on Saturday as well- a big ask from everyone. I think you could tell at the end, everyone started struggling, but we went toe-to-toe with them and at the end we were unlucky not to get a draw.

"I found out on the Thursday before Saturday that I was going to be in the first team but I've been in and around it for the last year or two so it has been a long time coming.''

Beaconsfield will be back in action away at AFC Croydon Athletic on September 7 in the FA Trophy (3pm ko.)

Youngster Alex Peapell has enjoyerd a strong start to the season. Credit: Leighton Rudd

## NON-LEAGUE

# Holmer Green 3G approved for start

HOLMER Green have seen final permission for a new 3G pitch approved, with work set to begin in September.

Grant funding of just over £1m has allowed work to commence from September, ready in time for January 2025.

Releasing a statement on their social media channels, Co-Chair of the Holmer Green Sports Association, Rob Shed, said: "I'm very pleased to announce that just over four years after we started the process, we have received approval for an Artificial Grass Pitch (3G) to be built at Holmer Green.

"It will be fully funded by a combination of the Football Foundation, the Premier League Stadium Fund and a combination of a number of funds that were secured.

"This includes the funds contributed by the Football Club and its members.

Total grant funding is just over £1m, a significant investment that we expect to provide lasting benefits to the health and wellbeing of the community and provide opportunities for girls, boys, men, women, able-bodied and disabled to enjoy football on our fantastic all-weather surface.

"The final planning permission was secured back in June and the new 25-year extended lease for the grounds was also signed with Buckinghamshire Council back in June.

"We have today issued a letter of intent to the contractor, SIS Pitches, that they have accepted which means a start on site of September 16 with completion by December 13.

This means that the new pitch will be operational by January 2025.

"There will inevitably be some disruption to our training and matches whilst construction is in progress and we have been working on a plan to make this as trouble free as we can.

"It will all be worthwhile in the end."

The ground has also had several positive reviews on Google, with the football stadium earning an average score 4.2/5 from 103 testimonials.

One review said: "The ground has two covered stands, the main one being seated, and the smaller one behind the right hand side of the goal standing only.

"Parking is plentiful and located between the clubhouse and pitch.

"The facilities are very good, including a well stocked bar.

"Half-time food and drinks are available from the clubhouse, which is reasonably priced and good quality.

"The club offers a friendly and welcoming atmosphere, and on the day of my visit, a very entertaining match, seeing the Greens comfortably take the win."

# NON-LEAGUE FOOTBALL: FA VASE EXITS

Teams walk out for FA Vase Final at Wembley Stadium

# Holmer Green exit FA Vase after Rothwell comeback

**By Stephen Powell**

THIS weekend saw the start of this season's FA Vase, a competition in which 596 teams from the fifth & sixth tier of non-league football are competing for the right to play in a Wembley final next May, *writes Stephen Powell*.

Standing in Holmer's way of progressing to the next round were Northamptonshire side Rothwell Corinthians who currently occupy 10th place in the first division of the Spartan South Midlands League.

With neither side having a great record in the competition and sitting in mid table of their comparative leagues, this will have been viewed by both as an excellent opportunity to advance to the second qualifying round, and an away trip to Broadfields United.

Having been rested on Tuesday, Ruairidh Barnes retuned to partner Liam Butters in the centre of defence, with Jake Braim and Tyler Sims also earning a place in the starting line-up. Jacob Hearne made his first start of the season, coming in for Oskar Esplund Evans at full back, but there was no Alex Colverd who'd picked up an injury in training on Thursday.

After conceding a goal in the first five minutes of their last two games, it was important that the Greens got off to a good start, and they certainly did that.

From a seventh-minute corner, a Butters header was parried by the keeper and Jeffrey Fordjour was the first to react and bundled the ball over the line to give his side an early lead. Just four minutes later the lead was doubled when Sims made a good run down the left and picked out Lloyd Majaya at the back post who finished well.

Within a minute of the restart, Rothwell, who hadn't been in the game until that point, were gifted a goal. With two covering defenders, Jensen Ellis came out of his goal to try and intercept a through ball by the touchline. The Rothwell forward, James Sutton beat him to the ball and despite the tight angle, managed to score from 30 yards.

Getting a goal back gave the away side the lift they needed, and they had the better of the next 20 minutes, with Holmer surviving several corners and Ellis keeping them ahead with a good tip over the bar. Having survived the pressure it was disappointing that when the equaliser came, it was again due to a mistake. In the 37th minute Barnes lost the ball on the halfway line and Rothwell broke quickly down the right. A cross to the far post was met by Vincenzo Falcini who was able to find the back of the net despite not making the cleanest of contacts.

Early in the second half, Majaya came close to restoring the lead, but his shot was cleared off the line with the keeper beaten. Despite Holmer looking the more threatening, Rothwell did go close on the hour with a header from a corner going just wide. Shortly after, Fordjour should have had his second of the game, but his shot found the side netting.

The last 20 minutes saw Holmer create several excellent chances with Sims hitting the crossbar, Esplund Evans forcing a great save from the keeper and Fordjour again going close. The best of the chances though fell to Sims, who fired over from 12 yards with the keeper down following a challenge with Majaya.

As the game went into injury time and penalties looming, Barnes tried to play the ball out from the back and was dispossessed by Sutton. The Rothwell forward made no mistake, firing past Ellis and sending his team into the next round.

After taking a two-goal lead this was a very disappointing result especially given that all three goals conceded were due to individual errors. The clubs poor record in the FA Vase continues but the squad managed put this defeat behind them quickly as on Tuesday, local rivals Penn & Tylers Green were defeated 2-0.

Jeffery Fordjour netted a brace at French School Meadows to return to winning ways.

## FA VASE STAT

**5** 96 teams from the fifth & sixth tier of non-league football compete to reach a Wembley final in the FA Vase and FA Trophy.

Buckinghamshire's Newport Pagnell won the trophy in 2022 but lost the final to Berkshire's Ascot United in 2023.

FA Vase on display at Wembley Stadium. Credit: PA

## SPORT: HORSES

# A day to remember at Aintree

STEWKLEY-BASED former racehorse, Gentleman At Arms, was crowned The Tattersalls RoR Ridden Showing Supreme Champion at the prestigious Jockey Club RoR National Championships at Aintree on Saturday, alongside owner and rider, Harriet Edmunds.

Completing a unique Aintree double having won the Class 2 Pertemps Hurdle Series Qualifier in November, the seven-year-old retired from the sport in February, and is now enjoying great success in showing, demonstrating the extraordinary versatility of thoroughbreds.

The Jockey Club RoR National Championships is Great Britain's largest event exclusively for former racehorses, with six days of competition across various levels, including classes in dressage, arena eventing, showjumping, and showing.

A total of 294 former racehorses competed at Aintree International Equestrian Centre.

In a racing career that spanned four years, Gentleman At Arms, whose stable name is Arthur, won six races and accumulated over £90,000 in earnings under the guidance of Harriet's father, Stuart Edmunds, at his Stewkley yard, where Harriet is Assistant Trainer.

Despite falling out of love for racing following kissing spine surgery last year, Arthur's talents are showing no limits, with the National Championships success coming exactly six months after his last race.

Harriet Edmunds said: "It's completely surreal, I'm just enjoying the whole experience.

"I always dreamt of having him [when he retired], but never thought the day would come.

"Neither of us had ever been showing before May, so to be coming away from our first National Championships as the Supreme Champion is a dream come true."

Rupert Arnold, Executive Consultant for RoR said: "This was a very special event with an amazing atmosphere. To see so many former racehorses in one place looking so well and competing in such a diverse array of disciplines not only showcases what these horses are capable of outside of their racing careers, but also the love and dedication of their owners."

"On behalf of the charity and the competitors, we would like to say a huge thank you to all our supporters including The Jockey Club for their generous headline sponsorship, Tattersalls for supporting our showing series and all the individual class and other supporters."

Retraining of Racehorses (RoR), British racing's official aftercare charity, is devoted to ensuring the welfare of racehorses when they retire from racing, and Gentleman at Arms' story is an example of the variety of second careers former racehorses enjoy.

More than 2,000 racehorses leave the sport each year, and like people changing jobs, these horses learn new skills and adapt to new environments.

Not all second careers involve competition, others provide therapy or are equally happy leisure riding or hacking.

## SPORT: FOOTBALL

Chesham United play their home games at the Meadow

# The weekly update from Chesham United's chairman

**By Peter Brown**

A CROWD of over 900 on a August home game has not been seen for many a year and for us to have over 650 for a midweek game in the league is fabulous.

As I walked around there were a huge number of unfamiliar faces and a lot of familiar ones not in attendance but on their holidays as we see them in Chesham shirts in other very lovely and hot places around the world on Facebook and other social media outlets.

If you compare our first two home games to their equivalent last season it shows a near 100 per cent jump in in attendances, I am sure you will all agree that our performances have just lacked a final touch in front of goals but I'm sure that will come and as the managers have said in their interviews it is good to see that we are creating so many chances and we will soon be converting them.

On Tuesday night, I know all of you in attendance saw a competitive match with the result going against the run of play, with two penalties that felt overwhelming harsh on the evening – two handball decisions where the defender was at such close range you wonder how they could possibly get out the way.

However, it was positive again that we dominated the majority of the game, reduced Weston to two shots on target (both from the spot), only for lady luck to desert us yet again this season.

The hard work and effort put in by our squad so far is not getting the results the performance merits – perhaps a harsh early lesson about the National League South for us.

But the season is long and hard, and I'm sure that if we keep our standards high and working hard as the squad have done over the years, we will get the rewards and maybe even our own slice of lady luck. And it goes without saying that your great support as our 12th man can help us over the line as we look to get three points on the board tomorrow.

I look forward to seeing you all at Clarence Park on Saturday for our local match with St Albans with a 3pm KO.

Do I need to remind you of our behaviour code? No is the answer as you are all aware of how we represent out club and support our team. Cheer long and hard all of you including the special Hank!! A fervent supporter generally only to be seen at home games!

Then on Monday we have a visit from Torquay United which is being streamed on the National League TV website, so if you cannot join us at the Meadow due to holiday or work then you will be able to watch by purchasing a match pass from nationalleaguetv.com.

Torquay are expected to bring a large number of supporter with them, are one of the bookies favourites for promotion and of course I wish on behalf of the whole club a warm welcome back to Roddy Collins who was a big part of our title winning side last season, but moved down to Devon in the summer to take up a full time contract, which is what every footballer dreams of and we wouldn't want to stand in the way of any player looking to advance in the game.

I hope you all give him a warm reception when announced in their team.

The bad news on Monday is that there is no radio commentary for our overseas and UK listeners for the Torquay game and this will be the same for any others chosen later in the season for NLTV, but the good news is that the League provide a lot of support through the platform so I am sure it will be a slick & smooth operation where you can get the best of both worlds – live pictures and Motty's commentary – it will almost be like sitting next to him in the stand.

Big thanks to our Match sponsors for this game, Clarks of Amersham and a very warm welcome to them and our Match Ball sponsor Bill's Diner.

Your support is very much appreciated. In other news around the club this week, our doughnut brigade have worked extremely hard around the stadium with more signage for your safety, completing two more of the tasks outstanding for finalising full approval of our ground grading mainly leaving us to purchase new electronic turnstiles for you to gain entry into the ground which we will be able to transfer to our proposed new ground and the expansion of the press seating area which I have now received approval of another area for these to be situated.

Thank you all for your fabulous support.

## SPORT: WYCOMBE WANDERERS VS ASTON VILLA

# Chairboys to host Champions League club at Adams Park

WYCOMBE Wanderers will host Aston Villa in the third round of the League Cup.

The Chairboys will take on the Champions League side after they brilliantly defeated Swansea City of the Championship 1-0 in the second round at the Swansea University Stadium.

It will be the first meeting between the two teams since the 2015/16 FA Cup when Wanderers took Villa to a replay, following a 1-1 draw at Adams Park, only to lose 2-0 to Villa in the Midlands 10 days later.

The fixture will also be the first time since the 2005/06 season that the Chairboys will meet the Villains in this competition.

The previous encounter back in September 2005, saw the Premier League club defeat Wycombe 8-3 at Adams Park, despite being 3-1 down at half-time.

Prior to that, the first-ever match between the two was also in this competition two years prior in September 2003.

That too was also played at Adams Park, which saw Wycombe lose 5-0 with former England international Darius Vassell and the late Peter Whittingham getting on the scoresheet between a Juan Pablo Angel hat-trick.

The match will take place the week commencing September 23.

**'I'm immensely proud of the way the boys defended'**

Speaking after the win in South Wales on August 28, Bloomfield said: ""We played some really good stuff in the first half and we knew we were going to have large spells without the ball. We worked hard on our shape and structure," said Bloomfield.

"We had to enjoy it when we had the ball playing against a possession-based team.

"We created some good chances in the first half.

"We had nine or 10 players out and we had to rotate the team. I'm immensely proud of the way the boys defended.

"We knew we'd need to be so well drilled in and out of possession and we executed it superbly. We had a lot of players missing through injury but the lads performed excellently."

However, it was a night to forget for Swansea manager Luke Williams, whose side were booed off following a very flat display at the Swansea University Stadium.

The 2013 winners of the competition were unable to register a single shot on goal from their seven attempts, whilst the Chairboys had five shots on goal, with two of them being on target.

Speaking after the loss, just days after a 1-1 draw against rivals Cardiff City, Williams said: "The first half was atrocious.

"We improved after that, but it's still not a good performance," said Williams.

"There was a lack of energy, lack of intensity, lack of aggression, and lack of quality in a disjointed performance.

"They've certainly been told they can't come out with that type of lethargic attitude."

It was Wycombe's first win in Wales against a Welsh side since November 2016 - a span that lasted nearly 3,000 days.

**Wanderers have lost the last two League Cup matches against Aston Villa with a staggering aggregate score of 13-3.**

Wycombe last played Aston Villa during the 2015/16 FA Cup run, losing 2-0 in a reply following a 1-1 draw at Adams Park (ARM)

# Chairboys secure first league win

Sadlier scored his first goal of the season with a penalty in the win over Rotherham United on August 24 (PA)

A Cameron Humphreys strike on his debut gave Wycombe Wanderers their first league victory of the season, as they defeated Rotherham United 2-0 at Adams Park.

The first meaningful attempt of the contest fell to Joe Powell on eight minutes, but his free-kick 25-yards out was easily gathered stand-in keeper, Franco Ravizolli.

Sam Nombe smashed over from range moments later, whilst the Argentine shot-stopper was on hand to deny Hakeem Odoffin and Mallik Wilks.

For the Chairboys, Richard Kone forced Dillon Phillips into a comfortable stop, before the ex-Charlton man was on hand to thwart an effort from Matt Butcher.

The second-half was a lot more livelier as both teams went for it.

Ravizzoli again denied Nombe, Odoffin and Wilks, with the latter's strike being tipped onto the post.

Debutant Aaron Morley went close for Wycombe, while Dan Udoh's header missed the target by inches.

But there was a breakthrough in the 70th minute and it was for Wanderers.

A long ball played over by Kieran Sadlier found Humphreys who did brilliantly to turn the Millers' defence inside out, before unleashing an unstoppable drive beyond Phillips.

**Three points for Bloomfield's boys**

Kieran Sadlier then wrapped up the win with a penalty with five minutes remaining.

The strikes against the Millers were the club's first since March 2013, ending a run that lasted over 4,000 days.

In addition to the victory, the result means Rotherham's long wait for an away league continues.

Their last win on the road came on November 8, 2022 - 656 days ago.

Up next for the Chairboys in the league is an away lunch-time clash at Blackpool on August 31.

In charge of the former Premier League side will be ex-Wanderers centre back, Richard Keogh.

The 38-year-old returned to Bloomfield Road in the summer as a first-team coach following his retirement, but has been promoted to interim manager.

This was due to the surprise sacking of Neil Critchley on August 21.

In his two games so far, he was earned a point in a thrilling 4-4 draw against Cambridge United, before knocking out Blackburn Rovers 2-1 of the League Cup at Ewood Park.

Keogh was in fact the first signing of the Matt Bloomfield era at Adams Park, playing 25 times in six months before departing for Forest Green Rovers in January.

**WYCOMBE'S WIN**

**The victory over the Millers was Wanderers' first against the club at Adams Park since January 22, 2011**

# SPORT

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## Full of praise for new boy Cameron Humphreys

Cameron Humphreys (pictured for Ipswich Town) (PA)

WYCOMBE Wanderers manager Matt Bloomfield said he was 'pleased' with his side's resilience after they earned their first league win of the season.

The Chairboys defeated promotion favourites Rotherham United 2-0 at Adams Park with debutant Cameron Humphreys and Kieran Sadlier getting on the scoresheet.

This ends a run of two back-to-back 3-2 league defeats for the Buckinghamshire-based team, which were inflicted by Wrexham and Birmingham City respectively.

The result lifts Wanderers to 16th at this very early stage of the campaign, and Bloomfield was gleefully pleased with his team's performance.

He said: "I'm really pleased with the performance as we dominated possession and territory and I'm very happy with how we attacked the game.

"We knew we had to make it a football game with the ball in play as much as possible, and I'm pleased with the way the boys went with their task.

"I think that the resilience boys showed was brilliant, as you have to stand up and be counted for when you play against Rotherham.

"We knew we were going to have a tough game as Steve [Evans] has recruited really well as they have got players who have played at a good level but we stuck to our task and I'm pleased with how we played."

Bloomfield was also full of praise for Cameron Humphreys, who scored on his Wanderers debut as a second-half.

The 20-year-old joined the Chairboys on loan from Premier League Ipswich Town after must interest from other EFL clubs.

He continued: "I'm so happy for Cameron.

"It's the fourth time I've tried to sign him.

"The first was at Colchester and that was never going to happen, last summer, then in January and now he is here.

"He's a very good player Cam as he's highly thought of at Ipswich, and thank you to Kieran [McKenna] for allowing us to come here."

# King Richard's goal eliminates Swansea

By James Richings

WYCOMBE Wanderers have secured a place in the third round of the League Cup for the first time in three seasons following a hard-fought 1-0 win over Swansea City.

In one of the shocks of the round, Richard Kone's well-taken strike just before the break sealed the Chairboys' first win in Wales since 2016, and most importantly, their second consecutive victory of the new season.

In an open first-half, the opening chance of the contest fell to Josh Scowen, but his bending effort on the edge of the box was easily gathered by Lawrence Vigouroux.

Franco Ravizzoli was rarely tested during the opening 45 minutes, despite Swansea getting into some very good positions.

Zan Vipotnik got on the end of a Nelson Abbey cross, but the former couldn't connect as cleanly as he would have liked, as his header missed the target.

Kyle Naughton, who is now in his 11th season with the South Wales team, tried his luck from range but his effort was blocked by Tyreeq Bakinson, whilst Matt Grimes and Florian Bianchini also had a half-chances.

Kieran Sadlier then went close for Wycombe, as his snap shot just wide of the target, before Wycombe scored five minutes before the break.

Richard Kone bagged his second strike of the season after a brilliant move with Matt Butcher.

A throwing on the right-hand side was controlled by the Ivorian.

He laid it off to Butcher who got near the six-yard box, he laid it off back to Kone, who took one touch and buried it past the ex-Oxford man Vigouroux, who was helpless.

The second half was a flatter affair but Wanderers defended imperiously to keep their slender lead intact.

The Swans had a whopping 73 per cent of the ball at the Swansea University Stadium, but failed to register a single shot on target as Wycombe held on.

The result means the Chairboys have entered the third round of the League Cup for the first time since the 2021/22 season, when they lost 6-1 to Manchester City at the Etihad Stadium.

It is also their first win in Wales in nearly 3,000 days.

Their last triumph west of the border came in November 2016, when Sido Jombati's late free-kick gave Gareth Ainsworth's a 1-0 victory over Newport County.

Coincidentally, Wycombe's last win over Swansea came in the same round of this competition in August 2006.

That year, the Chairboys reached the semi-finals, losing to Chelsea 5-1 on aggregate in the final four.

The Blues would go on to win that year's cup, beating London rivals Arsenal 2-1 in the final at the Millennium Stadium in Cardiff.

They will now play Aston Villa in the third round at Adams Park next month.

For more information on the upcoming tie, go to page 75.

Richard Kone (pictured against Derby County in April) scored the winner against the 2013 winners in August 28 (PA)

## Evans on Wanderers loss at Adams Park

ROTHERHAM United manager Steve Evans said his side 'dominated' despite falling to a 2-0 loss over Wycombe Wanderers.

Goals from Cameron Humphreys and a Kieran Sadlier penalty secured the Chairboys' first league win of the campaign, and succumbed the Millers to a third consecutive game without a goal.

The result also means United have now not won on the road in the league for 656 days – a run that dates back to November 8, 2022.

For Wanderers, it was their first victory against Rotherham in any capacity since April 2021, and their first at Adams Park since January 2011.

He said: "We had good opportunities in the final third so from that point of view it's very disappointing.

'We dominated in long, long spells and I'll be absolutely gobsmacked if the supporters who were here today didn't think we played well and absolutely gobsmacked if they don't go away wondering how we didn't win that game three- or four-nil.

"We should have been three ahead at half-time but we didn't take our chances. The boys at the back were never stretched until we go a goal down.

"We'll go away and look at the positives, there aren't a lot of negatives, the negatives are at the front end of the pitch. We need to score a goal but I think we'll play a lot worse and win.'

"I thought there were spells today that we played as well as we could against Wycombe for long spells.

"It's the quietest I have heard the supporters here until they scored, and that's because of our dominance.

"We dominated for long, long spells but you have to make your own luck."

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