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Vulnerable man pressed to shell out by fraudster

A FRAUDSTER conned a vulnerable Wycombe man out of more than £42,000 for just £2,000 worth of work, a court heard.

Benjamin Hamilton repeatedly visited his victim, who lived alone, and convinced him that work needed doing on his home.

By Timothy Edgley

Trading as Woodlands Tree Services, he convinced the man to hand over vast sums for landscaping work.

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Sport

FOOTBALL

Beaconsfield pick up important win

Beaconsfield earned a huge three points, winning 2-1 at home to Kings Langley, writes Arran White.

It was somewhat of a slow start to the game, with neither side really creating too much in the opening exchanges. That changed in the 30th minute, when Joe Lawal showed great feet and strength to force his way through a solid Kings Langley defence before squaring the ball to Cheyce Grant for an easy tap in.

The second half started at a much faster pace. Josh Marcon went close with the first attempt of the half, sending a free kick inches over the bar.

In the 60th minute Beaconsfield had what looked like a stone wall penalty waved away by the referee. Cheyce Grant appeared to be clean through on goal but went down inside the box. Beaconsfield appealed for a penalty, but the referee was not going to be moved.

Kings Langley scored a stunning equaliser in the 66th minute, Bradley Smith firing home from the edge of the box.

The celebrations were short lived, as Beaconsfield hit back straight from the

restart. A quick move saw Beaconsfield in the box, where man of the match Lawal made no mistake in firing the ball into the back of the net to restore the lead.

The final minutes of the match saw both teams create chances, with Beaconsfield going close to extending their lead as substitute Avto Akhsiaishvili's pace caused a tiring Kings Langley defence plenty of issues.

The game remained 2-1, and the final whistle saw Beaconsfield earn an important three points.



Joe Lawal celebrates goal for Beaconsfield. Picture: Ben Cousin

COLUMN

Dick Sawdon Smith: ‘Will they ever learn?’

A couple of weeks ago I sat through a horror show. Not my usual fair but this was a football horror film.

It showed tackles at various levels of English and American football matches. When I say tackles, I am talking about those which the Laws describe as Serious Foul play. It says that any player who lunges at an opponent when challenging for the ball, from the front, from the side or from behind, using one or both legs, with excessive force or endangers the safety of an opponent is guilty of serious foul play.

Do the players know this? If so, why do we see so many make such tackles, often from a distance which means that once started they have no control over what is likely to happen. Often when the referee puts his hand in his pocket indicating that a card of one colour or another is about to be shown, the players raise their arms, insisting that they have done nothing wrong.

So why are there sometimes differences in the penalty that they are likely to receive.

This is because that decision is left to the referee for tackles where contact is made. There are three choices.

First is called ‘Careless’ where a player shows a lack of attention or consideration when making a challenge. What I like to call a ‘bog standard’ foul and although a direct free kick should be awarded there’s no further penalty.

Next is Reckless, which is where the offending player acts with disregard to the danger or consequences for an opponent so should be cautioned i.e. a yellow card.

The third and most serious decision is players using excessive force, that is when a player exceeds the necessary use of force and or endangers the safety of an opponent.

This I think shows that these are difficult decisions and different people, different referees, may have different views.

But for players it is obvious that if they lunge with legs outstretched particularly from a distance, or studs showing, they could be in trouble.

FOOTBALL

Chesham beaten heavily by Dorking Wanderers

Chesham United went down to their third consecutive league defeat as promotion-chasing Dorking cruised to a comfortable 5-0 win.

After losing Callum Adebisi to injury Chesham’s defence struggled to contain the visitors, who moved into a three-goal lead early in the second half which killed the game off.

Chesham made three changes to the side that lost at Tonbridge on Tuesday – Lewis Rolfe returned from suspension in place of the suspended Jack Cawley, Omar Rowe came in for Joe Grant, and Alex Lafleur returned which meant that T’Sharne Gallimore dropped to the bench.

New signing Gary Abisogun, who has joined Chesham from Slough Town, made his debut as a substitute as Chesham named their only remaining fit players on the bench.

Chesham briefly caused problems with a fifth-minute corner from Bradley Clayton. The ball went to the near post and keeper Harrison Foulkes grabbed the ball as Connor Stevens challenged.

Dorking had more of the ball but only came close once in the opening half-hour, when Jack Young tried to catch Dillon Addai unawares with a shot from 40 yards but the keeper dived to push the ball round the post.

However, on 26 minutes Callum Adebisi was forced off with injury and Chesham were forced to reshuffle their defence. Shortly afterwards Dorking’s Alfie Rutherford broke clear but was denied by a great last-ditch tackle by Connor Rob-

erty. The visitors took the lead on 41 minutes when Chesham were unable to clear their lines and James Muitt eventually forced the ball home. Two minutes later Matthew Briggs pulled the ball back from the by-line and Muitt added a second goal with a close-range shot. Chesham came back with Alex Lafleur and Omar Rowe combining on the left to set up Mitchell Weiss for a shot which Foulkes dived to his right to save. Deep into stoppage time Jack Young went for goal with a free kick from near the touchline but Dillon Addai clawed the ball away.

Chesham were clearly up against it but their chances of getting anything from the game vanished in the opening minutes of the second half. Firstly Alfie Rutherford broke away and fired into the net on 47 minutes, then Omar Rowe was harshly shown a straight red card for a late challenge on George Franks. Just after the hour mark Briggs again crossed from the right and Rutherford turned the ball in. With the game over as a contest both sides were content to play out time, but Dorking managed a fifth goal in stoppage time when Jordan Norville-Williams crossed from the left and Rutherford headed in to complete his hat-trick.

Next up Chesham travel to Slough Town on Boxing Day and then welcome local rivals Hemel Hempstead Town FC to The Meadow on New Year’s Day.



Mitchell Weiss of Chesham United. Picture: PA

Strugglers Rising Ballers edge out Windsor at home

Windsor were beaten 2-1 at home to second-from-bottom Rising Ballers Kensington.

Windsor welcomed back Captain Alfie Inman from a knee injury and his central defensive partnership with Austen Edwards looked calm and assured. Georgian speed king, Avta Akhshvili started brightly and was giving the Ballers number four a torrid time in the right of a front three and with midfield maestro Maks Jarzabek pulling the strings it seemed like only a matter of time before Windsor would take the lead.

Right on cue, Avta Akhshvili delivered in the 22nd minute passing the ball into the net to the left of Kyle Defraime in the Ballers goal which capped a fine opening period for Windsor whose fast-paced passing game couldn't be matched by the visitors.

So far so good, at this point it looked like Windsor would score a hatful – but frustratingly that was as far as good got. For the rest of the half Ballers hung on and the longer they hung on, the more they grew in belief. That belief turned into the equaliser against the run of play when Windsor failed to clear a loose ball in their area and Shayden McDonald smashed the ball into the top left-hand corner of the net.

The second half was a much more even affair but with Windsor's flowing football continually interrupted by some staccato refereeing, they were unable to turn superior technical ability to their advantage. While possession was more evenly



Avta Akhshvili scored for Windsor. Picture: Trophy Photography

matched, the Ballers lacked any conviction up front. Conversely Windsor had three gift wrapped opportunities to score a second – all of which were spurned as

Nicholas Fraser, Akhshvili, and Troy Williams in turn, skied or scuffed their shots wide of the mark.

Windsor's corner count in the second period told

its own story – five for and one against. And it wasn't a story that would have a happy ending. In injury time, the Ballers' clever set piece corner resulted in Solomon

Tabase tapping the ball in at the far post to win the game.

Windsor host local rivals Windsor and Eton at Hollaways on Friday 27th with a 7.45pm kick-off.

FOOTBALL Rangers confirm new boss

Risborough Rangers have confirmed the appointment of Kevin Christou as the new manager.

Mr Christou, whose previous clubs include Tring Athletic, Oxhey Jets, Royston and FC Romania, will be joined by his management team of Paul Lilly, Cameron Davies and Ryan Day.

Mark Eaton commented: "We are pleased that Kevin agreed to join Risborough in the summer we went through an extensive recruitment process of which Kevin's application was highly regarded so his appointment is an extension of this process. This season has not gone to plan and our expectations have had to change from the initial lofty plans of promotion to now ensuring we stay at step 5. It was clear that the current squad was not strong enough and needed improving and Kevin's network of players has already meant plenty of new faces will be on show. We wish Kevin and his management team every success."

Christou added: "I am really looking forward to the challenge of restoring Risborough Rangers back to where they should be. I have had experience of winning step 5 before and look forward to helping the club achieve its ambition. Along with my backroom staff we will work non stop to get the club back performing at the levels previously set"

RUGBY Win for Wycombe

High Wycombe beat Reading Abbey 29-5 in Counties 1 Tribute Southern North of South West Division on Saturday.

Sat just one position higher than their opponents on the day, the visitors managed just one try while Wycombe ran over five times – converting three of them.

Matthew Wardle picked up two tries and one conversion, while Oliver Knightly (twice) and James Outten secured the other tries.

Sat seventh in the table, leaders Oxford Harlequins have won all 13 of their matches.

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FOOTBALL

Aylesbury Vale Dynamos Warriors win

AYLESBURY Vale Dynamos Warriors moved up to second place in the table with a hard fought 3-1 win over the Hornets Reserves, writes Iain Willcocks.

An early goal from Kai Borrett steadied the nerves but the wind and rain played havoc with any decent play. Warriors did come close to doubling their lead when George Panter hit the bar, but the first half ended with the one goal.

Within a few minutes of the second half starting, Khori hit a long ball over the defence and Owen Broughton was on hand to control and beat the keeper to make it 2-0.

However, the Warrior failed to capitalise and Hornets got themselves back with a chance as they scored with more than 25 minutes remaining.

A couple of chances for Rohan and Kai went begging, but as the match entered the last minute, a handball in the box was spotted by the referee and penalty awarded to Warriors.

Kai stepped up and smashed it past the keeper to make it 3-1.



Aylesbury Vale Dynamos Warriors moved up to second place. Picture: Pixabay

Sport

WYCOMBE WANDERERS MAKE IT 18 UNBEATEN

Reaction to the home draw against Bolton

WYCOMBE Wanderers manager Matt Bloomfield believes his side 'did enough to win' despite drawing 0-0 at home to Bolton Wanderers.

In the club's 28th and final home game of 2024 in all competitions, in which they won 18 times at Adams Park, the Chairboys failed to register a league goal in 25 games – a run that dates back to April.

Luke Leahy, Jasper Pattenden, Richard Kone, Cameron Humphrys, Fred Onyedimma and Tyreeq Bakinson all had chances to score, but Nathan

Baxter in the Trotters' goal was on hand to make several important saves.

Down the other end, Franco Ravizzoli produced a stunning bloke to deny George Thomason in injury time.

For Wycombe, they remain top, two points clear of second place Birmingham City, but the two teams will swap places if the latter beat Crawley Town on December 23.

Speaking at full-time, Bloomfield, who celebrates 21 years at Wycombe on Monday,

said: "I thought we did enough to win the game as I thought we dominated and created the best opportunities.

"It's the first time we haven't scored in the league since April and we knew that record wasn't going to last forever, but, I thought we were good.

"In terms of our identity, when you look back to our first game of the year at home to Bristol Rovers [on January 1], we were fantastic and I thought we were just as good today, but it's a shame that we didn't get the goal we wanted."



Fred Onyedimma (left) and Gethin Jones (right) (PA)

WANDERERS

Chairboys draw blank for first time this season

WYCOMBE Wanderers made it 18 league games unbeaten but failed to score for the first time in 25 League One matches as they drew 0-0 at home to Bolton Wanderers.

The Trotters began the better of the two sides as Aaron Collins twice his luck on two occasions in the opening 15 minutes.

His first attempt was parried away by Franco Ravizzoli whilst his second flew over the crossbar.

Ian Evatt's team enjoyed a lot of the ball in the opening exchanges before Wycombe began to get into the contest around the midway point of the first-half.

Tyreeq Bakinson, who was deputising for the absent Aaron Morley saw a fierce strike get deflected out for a corner, before his header from the resulting set piece was caught by Nathan Baxter.

Moments later, the Chairboys had their best chance of the opening period.

Fred Onyedimma did brilliantly to beat two players on the right as he made a darting run into the box.

He laid it off to Cameron Humphreys who really should have shot, but he decided to tee up Beryly Lubala, but the Congolese forward had it nipped away from him at the last second by ex-Wanderer, Randell Williams.

The second period saw Wycombe be right in Bolton's faces as Humphreys and Richard Kone went close, but were wide of the target.

Despite referee Stephen Martin not allowing the game to flow, Wanderers continued to show their dominance as Bolton began to look leggy.

This led to a huge goalmouth scramble with 20 minutes remaining as Jasper Pattenden, Luke Leahy, Kone and Bakinson went close again but to no avail.

Down the other end, George Thomason's free-kick hit the side netting whilst Szabolcs Schon forced Ravizzoli into a good save.

Baxter tipped over a Leahy free-kick in the last 10 minutes before Ravizzoli produced a stunning save in the final seconds of injury-time from Thomason to keep it all square.

The result means Wycombe remain top but are now two points clear of second place Birmingham City.

At the time of writing, the Chairboys will be top on Christmas Day, but could fall to second in the Blues beat Crawley Town on December 23.

Attendance: 6,119 (770 away)

SPORT: LATEST ON THE CHAIRBOYS

The gaffer on Bakinson, Hartridge and Morley

By James Richings

WYCOMBE Wanderers manager Matt Bloomfield has admitted that he has 'no idea' whether Aaron Morley will remain with the club in January.

The 24-year-old joined the Chairboys from League One rivals Bolton Wanderers on a season-long loan, in which he has played a huge role in the club's stunning season so far.

He has started 15 of his 16 league appearances for the Adams Park side and is yet to taste defeat in the division with his new club.

However, Bolton can recall Morley in January with Trotters manager Ian Evatt telling the local press in Greater Manchester that whilst he will not announce his plans publicly, the club 'know' what they want to proceed with.

When asked if the midfielder will stay at Adams Park next month, Bloomfield said: "I have no idea and it's not my decision – two things I don't like, not knowing and not being in control.

"We don't own him, but he has been very good for us and we'll see what January holds."

Bloomfield's comments came after the Chairboys drew 0-0 with Bolton on December 20 at Adams Park.

The stalemate, which was the club's final home match of 2024, has kept them on top of the table [this could change if Birmingham beat Crawley on December 23], and has extended their unbeaten run in the division to an incredible 18 games.

Two players that came into the starting 11 against the ex-Premier League outfit included central midfielder Tyreeq Bakinson and left-back Alex Hartridge.

The two, despite some positive displays, have struggled for con-

sistent game time in South Buckinghamshire, but Bloomfield was happy with their performances.

He added: "They put in no more than what I expected as they are very good players.

"We want that consistency from Ty as he has put in some real top-quality performances, but there had been a couple that weren't at the level we want and he knows that.

"With Alex, he is a very solid player but due to Dan Harvie's fine form, he's unfortunately found football hard to come by.

"I wasn't worried about those boys coming in [against Bolton].

"I was confident of the performances they would give and they did themselves justice tonight."

Specifically on Hartridge, who only made his fourth league start for the club since arriving from Exeter in the summer, said: "I thought Alex was very good.

"He played a lot at left-sided centre back in a three at Exeter, so we knew it would be an adaptation for him to play as a centre back.

"I still believe he can do that if required, but as a fullback, he's done very well in the cup games and he has been very patient.

"He is an incredible man, I like him as a person, he's very diligent with his work as he doesn't moan and he doesn't complain.

"He has been out of the squad a lot too so it has been tough for him.

"It's the first time he has moved away from Exeter and he's had a lot to deal with, but I am proud of him."



Matt Bloomfield's team are unbeaten 18 in the league, with their latest defeat being on August 17 against Birmingham City (PA)

CHAIRBOYS

How Wanderers will help those in need



Nearly 1,000 meals were issued during the 2023 edition (WWFC)

A PROJECT to help those battling the cold winter months will return in January.

The Warm Hub Project will commence on January 7 until March 27 at Adams Park, the home of Wycombe Wanderers, to aid many people in the town and its surrounding areas with a warm place to stay, hot food, and a chance to meet new people.

A spokesperson from the football club said: "This initiative is designed to do more than just provide a place to escape the cold—it's about fostering friendships, offering valuable resources, and helping older adults in our area stay active and engaged throughout the winter months."

The main event will be Adams Park, but an alternative venue is the Downley Community Centre.

The Warm Hub project will take place at the latter venue on January 7 and 28, as well as March 4, due to Wycombe having home matches on those dates.

It will take place on Tuesday and Thursday s between 5pm and 8pm. For more information, call 01494 455736 and visit the Wycombe Wanderers website (www.wafc.com) or email community@wafc.com.

A spokesperson from the club said: "Last year, the Warm Hub served over 920 meals and brought smiles to dozens of faces. This year, we're excited to welcome even more people into our growing community."

WYCOMBE WANDERERS 0-0 BOLTON WANDERERS

Bloomfield: 'We didn't the goal that our play deserved'

MATT Bloomfield was disappointed that his Wycombe side couldn't find "the goal our play deserved" in their 0-0 draw against Bolton Wanderers on Friday night.

The 40-year-old insisted that the Chairboys "dominated" the game at Adams Park but were lacking the final touch in attack.

The draw was the first between the two sides since their first meeting in 2019.

He said: "I thought we did enough to win the game if I am honest.

"Maybe a couple of chances and the long shot they had at the end might have played on people's minds.

"I thought we dominated the game and created the best opportunities, didn't quite have that final touch."

George Thomason nearly won it at the death for the Trotters, but his strike was kept out by Franco Ravizzoli.

The draw means Wycombe have now kept a clean sheet against Bolton in six of their nine matches against them.

He added: "Let's not forget that is millions of pounds of investment they have put into their investment, as did we.

"I know they had some players missing through injury and suspension, as did we.

"But it is millions of pounds they have put into their investment into the team, and ours isn't.

"In terms of us really matching them and being the better team, in my opinion... the boys are very disappointed to have drawn in the changing room and that shows how far we have come."

"It's another point and if we are not going to get that goal, then we don't give it away at the end.

"Franco had good hands to deal with the long shot. Very calm from him as we have come to expect.

"Some good play from us, I enjoyed the identity we have kept and built throughout this calendar year.

"We want to finish it strongly!"

The two will next meet over the Easter Weekend.



Cameron Humphreys (right) in action during the stalemate at home to Bolton on December 20 (PA)

Celebrating the community before Christmas

EIGHT local heroes were celebrated ahead of kick-off on Friday night as Wanderers invited individuals who go above and beyond in the community to walk out with the team ahead of kick-off.

Invited by the board of directors - via the Foundation - the heroes were a collection of volunteers who work in food bank, toy banks, the local children's ward and other very worthwhile organisations:

Amber Preen, the Director of Mama

Bee Group, a local Youth and community organisation. Mama Bee plays a pivotal role in supporting the community and young people in High Wycombe and surrounding areas.

Samantha Horsman, a trustee of the Chiltern Toy Bank, which is a Buckinghamshire based charity, operating in Chesham, Amersham, Prestwood, the Chalfonts and the surrounding villages. We work with partner organisations like Wycombe Wanderers Foundation, Buckinghamshire University

and Bridge the Gap in Aylesbury to extend our support to families in High Wycombe and Aylesbury.

Paul Dyne, Centre Manager at The Junction, a multi service drop-in youth centre run by the charity Action 4 Youth an ambitious, proactive charity based in Buckinghamshire focused on driving forward the crucial youth agenda to transform lives for the better. The Junction offers a range of planned sessions and activities all under one roof.

Maria Seth, Adoption/SGO Support

Worker and Emma Owen, Headteacher at The Virtual School whose projects on sports leadership have been for children who may be disengaged with school, lack confidence or just need something that is a positive focus for them at a difficult time.

Sofia Razaq (Deputy Nurse) and Amanda Ferguson (Paediatric Nurse) at the children's ward at Wycombe Hospital.

Charmain Clayton, involved in a running club for alcohol/drug abusers.

CHAIRBOYS

Bolton boss happy with draw

BOLTON manager Ian Evatt was pleased with the clean sheet his team secured in the 0-0 draw against Wycombe.

It was only the club's fifth in 27 games in all competitions this season, and their first in two months.

For the Chairboys, the point has kept them top of the table.

Additionally, the stalemate means Wycombe have now kept seven clean sheets against Bolton in nine meetings.

The draw is also the first between the two sides since their first meeting in August 2019.

He said: "My players gave me absolutely everything as they [Wycombe] are a very tough team to play against.

"They are very difficult - they have not changed much from Gaz's [Gareth Ainsworth's] although there is a bit more football, but still very physical, athletic and direct.

"They were strong at set plays and in transition but with the bodies that we have got out, the way we defended our box as a team I thought was magnificent.

"We've come here and kept a clean sheet against a team that score a lot of goals and I'm proud of the players."

CHAIRBOYS

Wanderers defender was happy to keep clean sheet

BOLTON Wanderers defender Will Forrester has praised his side following the Trotters' 0-0 draw away at Wycombe Wanderers.

He praised both teams for their respective displays, as the Greater Manchester team kept only their fifth clean sheet this season.

They also stopped the Chairboys' run of scoring in every league game this season - a run that dated back to April.

He said: "It's a really good point as Wycombe are flying this season and we knew it would be a tough place to come.

"It is always a tough place and the way they play in transitions is so effective. We knew that we had to defend as a team and defend our box really well, which I think we did.

"We defended well and managed to get a clean sheet, which we needed as a team. Hopefully, we can build on that."

SPORT



Will Aaron Morley stay at Wycombe in January?



Ian Evatt's side drew 0-0 against Wycombe on December 20 (PA)

BOLTON Wanderers manager Ian Evatt has admitted he is 'pretty clear on what is going to happen' with on loan Wycombe Wanderers midfielder, Aaron Morley.

The 24-year-old joined the Chairboys on a season-long loan in August from the Trotters and has played a huge role in the club's success so far this campaign.

He has featured 20 times in all competitions since making the move down south, starting on 16 occasions – 15 of them being in the league.

However, rumours have started to

circulate that Morley could be recalled by Bolton when the January Transfer Window opens next month.

When asked about his plans for the central midfielder, who will miss the match between the two teams on December 20, Evatt said: "I will obviously not share them but we know what we want to do and our options."

"We are pretty clear on what is going to happen, at the moment, but things can change."

"We have recruitment meetings happening all the time and there are meetings going on with agents and

clubs to see how we strengthen the squad."

"Is there going to be a huge change?"

"No, but whatever we do in this window has to move the needle."

"It has to make the team better, we are clear on that."

"It is not about deepening the squad, it is about making the starting XI better."

"That is where our focus is, to make sure the ones we bring in – one, two, three maybe – it makes the 11 stronger than what it is at the moment."

Wycombe went into the game top of the League One table with 43 points – a

tally they had to wait until March to achieve last season.

They have blown teams away with the club scoring in every league game so far this campaign, and Evatt knows it will not be an easy test.

He added: "They have been on a tremendous run and are playing full of confidence. They have a way of playing which is effective."

"It is as difficult as it gets at the moment and the personnel we have missing doesn't make it any easier."

"But it is an opportunity and we have to go there and do the best we can."

Focusing on a very jam packed festive period

By James Richings

WYCOMBE Wanderers manager Matt Bloomfield hopes the club's 'horrendous' Boxing Day 12 months ago can be used as inspiration for when the Chairboys take on Stevenage this festive period.

The Adams Park side had travelled down to Exeter City last year and lost 1-0 to the Grecians who hadn't won in the league for 13 consecutive games.

Luke Leahy also had an injury-time penalty saved by Viljami Sinisalo as Wanderers made it 11 straight League One games without a victory, as they sat just above the relegation zone.

A year later, Wycombe are flying high as they sit top of the division.

Speaking ahead of their visit to Hertfordshire on December 26, Bloomfield said: "Christmas Day last year was horrible."

"I left my girls at midday on Christmas Day, we went down to Exeter, [missed a last-minute penalty], got beat, went home and I didn't see them."

"I have spoken about it before, but I genuinely believe that the toughest moments in your life are your biggest learning experiences."

"You never know how strong you are until you find out."

Recounting the festive period of 2023, he said: "[Boxing Day and the winless run] was horrendous."

"It was genuinely horrendous, but the pain from those experiences are the ones that drive you on."

"My hunger and desire will remain high as I don't want to go back to those moments."

Their clash against the Boro will be Wycombe's first of six fixtures to be played across a 15-day period.

Changes are to be expected during the next two weeks as the Chairboys will average a game nearly every two-and-a-bit days, and whilst Bloomfield admitted that the schedule is 'relentless', he will take each game as it comes.

He continued: "I take each game as it comes, and it can be quite daunting to look at the fact we have six games in 15 days, but the first one to consider is Stevenage."

"The boys have a couple of down days to spend with their families at home this weekend, as the Christmas period is not going to give them much time at home, and then we'll be back in on Monday to attack the Christmas period."

"It is relentless and everyone around is getting results, so we need to continue with the emphasis on our performances and if we do that, we'll be alright."

Wycombe's jammed-packed two weeks:

December 26: Stevenage vs Wycombe Wanderers

December 29: Charlton Athletic vs Wycombe Wanderers

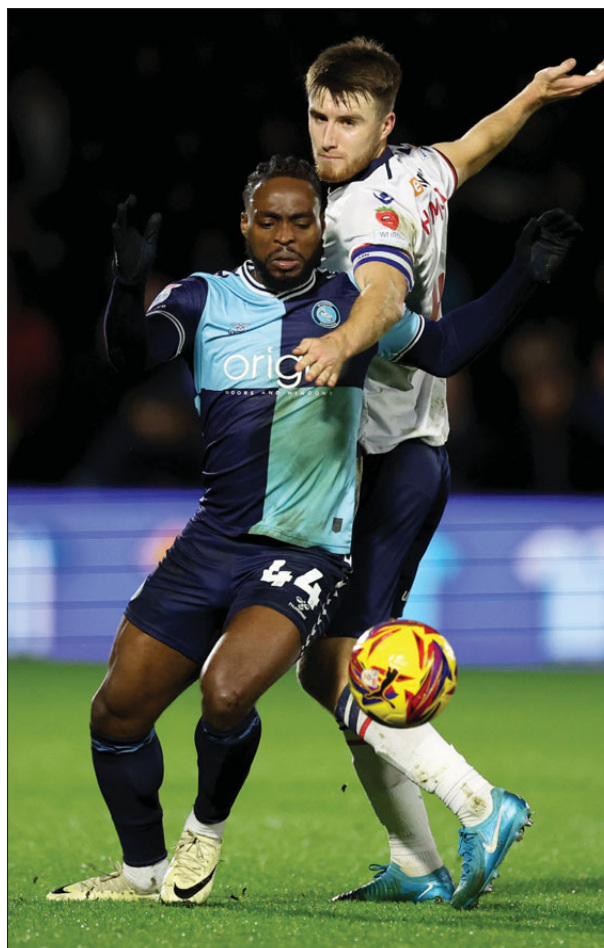
January 1: Wycombe Wanderers vs Exeter City

January 4: Wycombe Wanderers vs Blackpool

January 7: Wycombe Wanderers vs Huddersfield Town

January 10: Wycombe Wanderers Portsmouth (FA Cup)

After this period, Wycombe will then face Mansfield Town on January 18, before finishing the month against home matches against Northampton Town and Barnsley respectively.



Fred Onyedima (left) battles with Bolton Wanderers' George Thomason (right) in Friday night's 0-0 draw at Adams Park (PA)

'You're only here to see the Wycombe'

STEVENAGE have announced that tickets are 'selling fast' for their Boxing Day home clash against Wycombe Wanderers.

The Chairboys travel to the Lamex Stadium unbeaten in 18 league games as they close in on their EFL record of 21 matches without defeat, which was set in the 2005/06 season.

Whilst the game will more than likely not be a sell-out, it is expected to be one of Boro's highest-attended fixtures this campaign.

Their largest crowd in the league was against Wrexham in the autumn, as 5,704 people saw them beat the newly promoted side 1-0.

The club's highest-attended game this calendar year was against Cambridge United at the end of the 2023/24 season, when 6,553 packed themselves into the Lamex.

Despite Wycombe flying high and with Stevenage in mid-table, the Hertfordshire-based club have become a bit of a bogey team for the Chairboys.

Wanderers have only won one of their five matches against Wednesday's opponents, with their last league triumph coming in May 2018.

This was on the final day of the league season which saw the Adams Park team get presented with a shield after clinching promotion to League One a week earlier at Chesterfield.

Wycombe won 1-0 with now manager Matt Bloomfield scoring the winner.

You will have to go back to August 2014 for the Chairboys' last win away at the Lamex in the league, with Wycombe recording a 3-1 triumph just over a decade ago.

Paul Hayes, Peter Murphy and Matt McClure all scored for Wanderers, with Darius Charles striking for Stevenage.

Wycombe's last win at the Lamex in any capacity came last year, as a Sam Vokes header gave Wanderers a 1-0 victory in the EFL Trophy.