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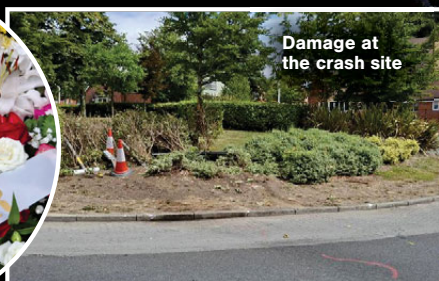
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Sport

BOWLS

Marlow edged out by Flackwell Heath

IN a midweek friendly against Flackwell Heath, Marlow Bowls Club were disappointed to lose by 54 shots to 82.

Annie Mindry's rink, with Margaret Day and Mike Clarke had the best result losing by just one shot (14-15). Earlier in the game Tricia Best's rink seemed set for a win as they were ahead 11-6 after nine ends but it then went downhill, losing seven ends and winning just the last two, final score 15-23.

Saturday's game was the return game at home in the Chesham Challenge Cup.

Marlow started the game with 13 shots advantage from the game away in May. In spite of wins on two rinks, the overall score was 86 to Marlow, 104 to Chesham, so the Challenge Cup returns to Chesham. It was close for top rink but Alex Hamill's rink (with Clare Clarke and Jean Barltrop) won by 23-14 with a flurry of 10 shots over the last three ends; Angela Moss (with Fliss Rees and Bob Perrin) having dropped 9 shots over three ends earlier in the game recovered to win 20-12. However while Marlow

were playing Chesham, Ann White was playing at Waddesdon Bowls Club the final of the Bucks County Ladies Challenge Singles and won handsomely 21-6; richly deserved with all the effort she has put in this year with County and National, singles and pairs competitions as well as Captain of the Ladies games.

Earlier in the week, Ann and Fliss bowed out of the National Ladies Senior Pairs, playing a very experienced pair from Middlesex at Gerrards Cross.



Ann White with the Challenge Singles trophy

FOOTBALL

Holmer kick off campaign with victory over Spartans

HOLMER Green kicked off their Combined Counties Division One campaign on Saturday with a 2-0 win over Spartans Youth.

A couple of "firsts" at Watchet Lane for this game. The first time that Holmer have opened the competitive season as early as July, and the first game for some time that the Watchet Lane ground has been four-sided. There is now paved spectator standing on the dug-out side too. All this together with new pitch railings being installed. These replacing some of those those initially erected nearly 40 years ago.

Following on for some good and hard-fought friendlies, The Greens were looking to get the season off to a sound start, as they look to improve on last season's seventh place which was 10 points short of a play-off place.

The club has lost a few players since last season. Including our top-scorer, and our "Supporters Player of the Year". Add to that James Jarrott and skipper Martin Lancaster are overseas. Also, Callum Gray is suspended for the first two games and Tyler Sims is still not recovered from his knee injury. This meant First XI starting debuts for Mason Green and Archie Witney, both at full-back. Also, there were three new debuts from the bench.

The opposition proved to be dogged competitors, with Holmer's fitness and Josh Peck's ability when the ball is played for him to run onto eventually being rewarded with two late goals. The team as a whole definitely improved after half-time, following a loud briefing in the confines of their dressing room.

Despite having most of the first half play, the nearest The Greens came to taking the lead was on 14 minutes. Up for a corner, skipper Ben Booker had a close-range chance with a header following a set-piece. But the ball bounced off the post.

John Anderson

The interval pep talk did the trick. Ollie Saunders came on for Martin Loakes. The football was snappier; the passing more accurate, and the basics were being done correctly at last. The two stumbling blocks were the Spartans 'keeper who showed an excellent pair of hands and anticipation of danger throughout the match, as did Jensen Ellis in the home goal; and the final ball up front. But the constant pressure was beginning to tell. With Adetola Baruwa and Sadibo Camara on to join Saunders in first team debuts from the bench, Saunders found a telling through ball, dissecting the two centre-backs at last on 81 minutes. Josh Peck's pace took him clear to round the advancing 'keeper 18 yards out and finishing neatly into the empty goal from 12 yards. Six minutes later, the second goal followed. A long ball out of defence from Mason Green sailed over the centre-backs. This time Peck again beat the 'keeper to the ball; but only just and outside the penalty-area. He neatly hooked the ball over the 'keeper, and was quickly on the spot when it came down inside the area to softly volley it accurately home. A goal with each foot, displaying the sort of quick and neat footwork which probably comes from excelling in other sports as well.

Three hard earned points, with a display that showed that energy and relentless pressure will prevail, even when the collective effort is not at its best throughout.

A mention for James Saxby is due. It was his eighty-fifth appearance during which he has scored 16 goals. He's off to Australia via Ireland. Now like Jarrott, Lancaster, and Ewan Philpot, he will be found a long way from Watchet Lane, but always welcomed back.



Holmer Green started their season with a win

GOLF

Lichtenhein clinches the European Young Masters title



ELLIE Lichtenhein became the European Young Masters Champion, leading an England Girls' Squad 1-2 at Racing Club de France (RCF) La Boulie.

The Buckinghamshire golfer (pictured) fired rounds of 70, 70, and 73 to finish on -3, edging her England Golf teammate and defending champion, Annabel Peaford (-1), by two shots.

"I'm feeling amazing," said the 15-year-old. "It's so nice to get a big win, and it was one of the big things on my list for 2025. I'm really glad that I was able to pull it off and play some solid golf all week."

Lichtenhein was pushed to the end by Peaford (Walton Heath), who closed her -1 final round with an incredible eagle on the par-5 18th.

But the top under-16 player at this year's Scottish Girls' U18 Championship made an invaluable birdie on the par-5 17th before holding her nerve with a par down the last.

Peaford added: "It was a good defence coming second. It was an interesting round, but I'm looking forward to the events ahead."

The duo will return to home shores and head straight to Old Fold Manor for the English Girls' U16 Championship (29-31 July). Previous winners include Georgia Hall, Annabel Fuller, Lily May Humphreys, Florentyna Parker and Felicity Johnson.

In the boys' event in France, Hillside's George Whitehead finished tied-11th, while Tom Hartshorne (Teeside) placed tied-35th.

In the overall category, England combined to finish tied-fourth, missing out on a medal by a single shot on -5.

New Wycombe Wanderers signing 'excited' to reunite with Mike Dodds

WYCOMBE Wanderers midfielder Caolan Boyd-Munce has revealed he is 'excited' to be working alongside head coach Mike Dodds for the second time in his career.

The two previously crossed paths at Birmingham City when the Northern Irishman made the move from his native country to the Second City in the summer of 2016, at the age of 16.

He initially joined the Blues' academy, which Dodds was a part of, before making nine first-team appearances for the ex-Premier League outfit, seven of which came in the Championship between 2016 and 2022.

Dodds and Boyd-Munce spent five years together before the former departed for Sunderland in 2021.

Speaking on their reunion, new signing Boyd-Munce, who joined Wanderers earlier this transfer window following a spell with St Mirren, said: "I have had him [Dodds] since I moved to England, so he has seen me at every stage in my career.

"Even after we both left Birmingham, we managed to find our way back to each other.

"I'm excited to be back working with him.

"He's so demanding on all of us, and that comes through in how he wants to play with his philosophy.

"He will continue to help us as we go on."

He added: "The whole project was sold to me.

"The nutrition, the sports scientists, the training ground... I had that gut feeling, and it seemed right."

Boyd-Munce left the Blues in January 2022 to join Middlesbrough but only played four times across the next 12 months



Caolan Boyd-Munce is looking forward to working with head coach Mike Dodds again. Image: Steve Welsh

for the Boro, scoring once.

His contract was cancelled by mutual consent in January 2023, which allowed him to sign for St Mirren on a free.

During the next two-and-a-half years, he gained valuable first-team experience, featuring 74 times and scoring six goals from the centre of the park.

On his move back down to England, he added: "Going up to Scotland with St Mirren, it was for me to prove myself after a couple of moves to big clubs with big squads.

"I felt this was the next step for me.

"Moving back down to England, it seemed to be the perfect

project to join, even though I did have a few offers to join other English clubs.

"I like to get forward and have shots and sometimes make that killer pass.

"Sometimes, I need to put the handbrake on at times, and coming down from Scotland, that is something I need to do more."

Finally, when asked about his personal goals for the season, he concluded: "I am now past that stage of individual goals – if we do well as a team, I'll do well.

"If we take care of that, everything will be OK."

Wycombe will start the league season away at Bradford City on August 2.

FOOTBALL

Wanderers 'keeper leaves for Scottish Premiership side

WYCOMBE Wanderers have confirmed the departure of goalkeeper Shamal George to St Mirren.

The 27-year-old, who signed for the Chairboys nearly 12 months ago on a permanent contract from Livingston, has moved back up to Scotland to sign for the Saints on a season-long loan.

During his only campaign with the Adams Park team, he played five times which all came in cup competitions.

These were against the Brighton & Hove Albion U21s and Crawley Town in the EFL Trophy, and York City, Wealdstone and Portsmouth in the FA Cup, respectively.

Wanderers never lost a match

he played in, with his appearance against Wealdstone being the only time he featured in an away game for the club.

Additionally, in his final outing against Portsmouth, he was substituted just seven minutes into the cup tie after suffering a groin injury, moments after making a brilliant save.

He began his career at Liverpool but never played a first-team game for the Reds.

During his spell at the club, he enjoyed two loan spells at Carlisle United and Tranmere before leaving permanently for Colchester United in 2022.

After two years in Essex, he moved north of the border to Livingston before signing for Wanderers last August.



Goalkeeper Shamal George leaving the game early with an injury during the Emirates FA Cup third round match against Portsmouth at Adams Park, High Wycombe. Image: Bradley Collyer

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Wycombe shirts now on sale for 2025/26 season



This season's shirts are on sale from today

WYCOMBE Wanderers fans can now buy their team's new home shirt for the upcoming 2025/26 season.

The shirts go on sale at Adams Park today and can be purchased between 10am and 3pm.

The shirt will also be available online next week, though the club has not yet specified an exact date for the web launch.

To receive an update

when the online sales commence, supporters are encouraged to register their interest on the club's website.

The alternate yellow shirt and the third green and white shirt will be available for purchase online in the near future.

The club plans to notify fans once these options are ready to order.

Meanwhile, fans who are eligible for a free child's

home shirt - those who purchased a child season ticket - will receive information on how to collect their shirt in the week starting from Monday, August 4.

The shirt will be available for collection no later than the day of the first home game on Saturday, August 9.

The club also said: "Due to an unprecedented demand for the Y2XL

home shirt for children who purchased a season ticket, there will be none available to purchase in this size at this time."

New supplies in this size will be arriving later this autumn and will be communicated by the club.

The full price list of the home shirt has yet to be published.

For more information or updates visit shop at wwfc.com

There's more on offer at Adams Park this season

WYCOMBE Wanderers fans can look forward to a host of major changes at Adams Park.

The improvements, set to be in place for the 2025/26 season, come after feedback was given to the club during a supporter survey in the 2024/25 campaign.

Following an eight per cent increase in attendances last season, the club has been working to improve the matchday experience for fans.

The survey revealed a desire for the club to further engage with young supporters in the local community.

A season ticket promotion that offered a free home child's shirt when buying an under-14s season ticket for £25 saw nearly 200 per cent increase in child season tickets sold.

The club is now forecasting the highest total number of season ticket sales, breaking the previous record from the 2001/02 season.

Fans expressed missing the opportunity to meet players when they arrive at the stadium.

In response, the club has arranged for players to arrive two hours before kick-off, allowing time for photos and autographs.

To improve the speed of drink service, the club is investing in more e-bars around the stadium.

The Chairboys Village has been expanded, thanks to a donation from the Official Wycombe Wanderers Supporters Association.

The area now has more seating, a refurbished bar, a variety of food trucks, activities for children, and live music at selected games.

The club has extended its partnership with external catering provider Mark Roberts, who has assisted in providing additional branded fencing and queue management systems within the fan zone.

New, lower-height dugouts have been installed, freeing up hundreds of seats in the Origin Stand that previ-

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ously had a restricted view.

The pitch has been widened, and new 'toblerone' advertising boards have been added at the front of the Family Stand.

The new pitch will also host selected academy and women's team fixtures and potentially more varied half-time entertainment.

Following the refurbishment of the Caledonian Suite last season, Monty's Bar has been renovated into a sports-bar style venue with darts, other activities, and a projector for viewing televised matches.

The bar will also screen Chairboys away games available on Sky Sports+.

Ahead of the new season, the club is converting the space next to the Caledonian Suite into a calm area for children, which will include a gaming area.

The club is also developing new healthy meal deals for children, each provided in fun lunch boxes.

The club has also been expanding its digital reach to connect more effectively with its current fanbase and reach new audiences.

In terms of access and egress from the stadium, the club is expanding its network of local matchday bus services with three new routes providing direct service to Adams Park from Aylesbury, Thame, and Maidenhead.

The club is also close to finalising a new park-and-ride service from Cressux and is implementing a new traffic management plan along Hillbottom Road to speed up post-game departures while ensuring pedestrian safety.

Season tickets remain available for purchase either up-front or through a subscription model that enables monthly payments for access to all home league games.



Major changes coming to Wycombe Wanderers' Adams Park

Former Chairboy returns to the EFL

A FORMER Wycombe Wanderers midfielder has managed to find himself a new club in the EFL.

Kadeem Harris, who began his career with the Chairboys where he played 26 times across two-and-a-half seasons, has joined Salford City on a one-year deal.

His move to the Peninsular comes after he was released by Carlisle United this summer after just one year in Cumbria, following their relegation into the National League for the first time since 2004/05.

The 30-year-old played 31 times for the Lake District team and scored three times.

After leaving Wanderers in 2012, Harris joined Cardiff City and was part of the squad that won promotion to the Premier League in 2013, but he only played one match that campaign.

This was in an FA Cup loss against Macclesfield Town.

In the Bluebirds' first year back in the English top flight since 1961/62, he was loaned out to Brentford and did not feature for the Welsh outfit at all.

After they were relegated back down to the Championship a year later, Harris was promoted to the regular matchday squad, featuring 18 times during the 2014/15 season.

Between 2015 and 2019, he made 62 appearances, with 13 coming in the Premier League as Cardiff were once again promoted back to the top-flight in 2018.

His only PL strike came in a 4-2 victory against Fulham in October of that year.

He would leave the Welsh capital at the end of that season to spend two years with Sheffield Wednesday before a three-year stint abroad.

A move to Metalist Kharkiv in the Ukrainian second division in September 2021 was confirmed, but after the country was invaded by neighbouring Russia in February 2022, he was loaned out to Tuzlaspor in Turkey.

Transfers to Samsunspor, Bandirmaspor and Sanliurfaspor between 2022 and 2024 all occurred before a move back to the UK with Carlisle 12 months ago.