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Mayor's concerns after victim in his 60s is taken to hospital following an assault by yobs

By James Richings

THE Mayor of High Wycombe has said he is 'deeply concerned' that a man was left hospitalised after they were attacked at the town's bus station. According to Thames Valley Police, 'six or seven' people all dressed in dark clothing with their hoods up, attacked the man in his 60s at around 5.10pm on November 12.



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Sport

FOOTBALL

Holmer Green suffer frustrating defeat

HOLMER Green fell to a narrow 2-1 defeat against Westside, continuing their frustrating run against the Wandsworth side in the Combined Counties League.

The home side struggled to convert their chances, with Josh Peck and Jeffrey Fordjour, who have netted a combined thirty goals this season, finding it difficult to break through the visitors' defence.

Westside do not have all the players they had before (reaching the play-offs last campaign), but they are still a very capable side,

and far more streetwise than Holmer.

The first half ended goalless, with both teams unable to find the back of the net.

The home side's frustration continued as they failed to capitalise on their chances, leading to a scoreless interval.

Just moments after the restart, Westside took the lead through Reeves, who capitalised on slack marking in the Holmer defence.

The visitors doubled their advantage in the sixty-first minute when George found

the net, further exposing the home side's defensive vulnerabilities.

In response to the mounting pressure, Holmer made two substitutions, bringing on Alex Colverd and Elias Lubbat to inject fresh energy into the team.

It took almost 20 minutes to pull a goal back. Liam Butters scoring his second in two matches, again from a set-piece.

Despite a spirited effort in the closing stages, Holmer could not find an equaliser, and the match ended with Westside claiming all three points.



Holmer Green fell to a narrow 2-1 defeat against Westside

Defeat to Hertford followed by loss to Flackwell Heath Beaconsfield concede seven goals in two defeats

BEACONSFIELD'S hopes of a comeback were dashed as they fell to a narrow 4-3 defeat against Hertford Town, followed by a 3-1 loss to Flackwell Heath.

The match at Hertford took place on Saturday afternoon.

Beaconsfield started the match brightly but quickly found themselves on the back foot as Hertford capitalised on defensive lapses.

Marcus Painter opened the scoring for the home side, tapping in at the back post after one ball took out the defence.

Billy Mardel-Smith doubled the lead with a header, exploiting another failure to clear the ball.

The situation worsened for Beaconsfield when Mardel-Smith completed his hat trick with 20 minutes played, again benefiting from a lack of defensive organisation.

However, Beaconsfield showed resilience and began to claw their way back into the match.

Zidan Akers provided a glimmer of hope just before half-time, finishing from a tight angle after a clever assist from Manu Oke-William.

The second half saw Beaconsfield start positively, but Mardel-Smith struck again to make it 4-1, finding space in the six-yard box to fire past goalkeeper Josh Welland.

Undeterred, Beaconsfield soon responded with Akers scoring his second goal of the match, calmly slotting home after Hertford struggled to clear their lines.

With the score at 4-3, Beaconsfield pressed for an equaliser, and Oke-William's powerful effort from the edge of the box

Arran White

raised hopes of a remarkable comeback.

Despite a flurry of late pressure, the away side could not find the net again, succumbing to a hard-fought defeat.

In their next outing, Beaconsfield faced local rivals Flackwell Heath on Tuesday night.

The match began cautiously, with both teams struggling to adapt to the heavy pitch conditions.

Beaconsfield took the lead through Zak Fraser-Grante, who capitalised on a cross from Charlie Smith that evaded the goalkeeper's grasp.

However, the momentum shifted when Beaconsfield's captain Luke Neville was forced off due to injury, and shortly after, Jack Shakespeare equalised for Flackwell Heath with a well-timed run behind the defence.

Beaconsfield's goalkeeper, Welland, made two crucial saves before half-time to keep the score level.

The second half proved challenging for Beaconsfield, as Josh Stranks received a second yellow card, leaving his side a man down.

The hosts quickly took advantage of the extra man, with Lewis Pegg scoring to give Flackwell Heath the lead, followed by a late goal from former Beaconsfield player Eli Grant, sealing a 3-1 victory.

Beaconsfield will look to turn their recent form around in their next fixture at home against AFC Dunstable tomorrow.



Beaconsfield's hopes of a comeback dashed in narrow 4-3 defeat to Hertford
Image: Arran White

HOCKEY

Marlow enjoy double victory in key matches

MARLOW Hockey Club enjoyed a successful weekend, with both the men's and women's first teams securing important victories in the England Hockey West Conference.

The women kicked off the action on Saturday, facing Cheltenham at home in challenging weather conditions.

Both teams were level on points before the match, making the stakes particularly high.

Marlow opened the scoring through Kerri Smith, who found the net after a precise pass from Eva Barnett.

Cheltenham equalised with a well-placed strike from a penalty corner in the second quarter.

The first half ended with the score tied at one apiece, thanks to solid defensive efforts from Poppy Godfrey and Kiera Allen, alongside effective distribution from Beth James.

The second half saw Marlow come out strong, with Maddy Peacock earning the player of the match title for her impressive performance.

However, Cheltenham took an unexpected lead after a deflection from a Marlow stick.

Undeterred, the home side pressed forward, and Lena Sykora levelled the score once more by skillfully lifting the ball over the Cheltenham goalkeeper.

In the final quarter, Marlow's fitness proved decisive.

Eva Barnett deflected a penalty corner in the fifty-sixth minute, putting the home side ahead.

Marlow managed to maintain their lead, securing a vital three points that keeps them in sixth place, with a comfortable cushion over the teams below them.

On Sunday, the men faced the University of Bristol in much more favourable weather, with bright sunshine illuminating the pitch.

Despite dominating possession and creating numerous chances, the first three quarters ended in a surprising 0-0 stalemate.

Bristol broke the deadlock with just seven minutes remaining, scoring against the run of play through Joseph Jenkinson.

However, Marlow quickly responded, with Olly Deasy equalising in the sixty-sixth minute after a clever reverse stick touch.

Tom McKinlay then assisted with a cross that was inadvertently deflected in by a Bristol defender, putting the Swans ahead.

In a dramatic finish, Callum White scored from a penalty corner, followed by Jayden Zamler converting a penalty stroke, sealing a 4-1 victory for Marlow.

The men remain in fourth place, now just one point off second, setting up an exciting clash next week against third-placed Bath Buccaneers.

In other matches, the men's second team secured three points against Oxford Hawks 3s, while the women's 2s drew 1-1 with Sonning 1s.

The women's 3s continued their strong form, winning 2-1 in a local derby against Wycombe 1s.

Excellent Eze makes history as ex-Chairboy stars in derby

FORMER Wycombe Wanderers winger Eberechi Eze has become a member of a very exclusive club following his hat-trick for Arsenal in the North London Derby.

The ex-Chairboy, who played for the Adams Park side in the first half of the 2017/18 season when Wanderers were in League Two, scored his third, fourth and fifth goals of the campaign in all competitions, as the Gunners ran out 4-1 winners against Tottenham Hotspur on November 26.

His personal milestone has now put him on a list with just three other footballers, as he became only the fourth person to score a hat-trick in the fixture.

The first score to achieve the feat was Arsenal's Ted Drake in October 1934, when the Gunners won 5-1.

You would have to wait 27 years before the second hat-trick in the North London Derby was scored, as Spurs' Terry Dyson scored three times against the Gooners in a 4-3 victory at White Hart Lane in August 1961.

At the time of writing, he is the only Tottenham player to score a trio versus Arsenal in a competitive match.

Before Eze's moment of glory last Sunday, the most recent hat-trick to have been scored in this famous fixture was in December 1978.

Arsenal's Alan Sunderland bagged three goals in a 5-0 away thumping for the Gunners at White Hart Lane, just two days before Christmas Day.

Speaking on Eze's attitude,



Eberechi Eze played 22 times for Wycombe Wanderers during the 2017/18 season (Anita Ross Marshall)

Arsenal manager Mikel Arteta said: "Things happen for a reason.

"After international duty, he had two days off, and after one day, he wanted to train.

"He wanted to improve, and he wanted to do extra practice, and he was asking me questions about this and that.

"When a player has such a talent, and his desire is at that level, then these things happen. And he fully de-

serves it.

"I'm so happy for him, because since the day that he came, he brought something else to the team.

"So it's a joy, it's an aura that this team needed and hopefully it will give him a lot of confidence, to him and the team, that at any moment he can win us a game."

Eze joined Wanderers in the summer of 2017 on loan from Queens Park Rangers, where he became an instant

hit at Adams Park.

He scored five goals in 22 appearances in all competitions, which included two screamers against Cambridge United in October of that year.

Following his impressive form, Eze was recalled to QPR in January 2018, where he played 112 times and scored 20 goals, before joining Crystal Palace in the summer of 2020.

Across the next five years, ahead of his move to Arse-

nal in the summer, he made 169 appearances for the Eagles and bagged 40 goals.

One of which was the winning strike in the 2025 FA Cup Final against Manchester City, which secured the South London side its first-ever major trophy.

He also helped Palace win this year's Community Shield against Liverpool in August.

His three strikes versus Tottenham was also the first hat-trick of his career.

CHAIRBOYS Skipper reflects on the late win

WYCOMBE Wanderers captain Jack Grimmer said it was an 'incredible feeling' to score the Chairboys' winner in their recent 3-2 victory against Lincoln City.

The Adams Park side led 2-0 at half-time thanks to a brace from Bristol City loanee Sam Bell, before Justin Obikwu and Freddie Draper pulled the Imps back with 14 minutes remaining.

But in the dying embers of the contest, the Scotsman popped up to score his second goal of the season – only his sixth for the club since joining in 2019 – to give Michael Duff's side their ninth win in 14 games in all competitions.

The result means Wycombe move into 10th, four points off the play-offs, and seven away from the relegation zone.

At the time of writing, only 15 points separate top-of-the-table Cardiff City (29) and bottom-placed Port Vale (14).

Lincoln visited Adams Park as the league leaders.

Speaking at full-time, Grimmer said: "It was an incredible feeling to get something at the end.

"I think it was disappointing to concede two goals [against Lincoln] and be up against it, as before half-time, we had such a good performance.

"It shows why they are top of the league and up there.

"They are a good team, are very hard to beat and are hard to play against.

"But we showed character to get back into it and have that belief to get something at the end."

Wanderers dominated the opening 45 minutes before allowing Lincoln back into the second-half.

Under Duff, it was only the fourth and fifth time that they have conceded in the latter half, as Wanderers have now kept seven clean sheets in the 14 games he has taken charge, following his arrival in September.

Grimmer continued: "The second-half was possibly the toughest I have found this season.

"It was completely the opposite of the first, as we forgot how to pass the ball.

"The first half, we were on the front foot and caused the threat, but fair play to them, as at one point, they had seven up front, which is hard to defend.

"At 2-2, they eased off as they have something to protect, and it showed the swing of the game as we got a corner [which led to Wycombe's winner] when they backed off.

"To make the final moments count makes it sweeter as we didn't have many in the second half.

"We knew it would be a statement win if we managed to get it as they were going into the game top of the league, and deservedly so.

"They are tough to play against, so it makes the win sweeter."

WYCOMBE 3-2 LINCOLN

Captain Jack saves the day with late winner

WYCOMBE ran out 3-2 winners over high-flying Lincoln thanks to a last-minute winner from captain Jack Grimmer.

Wanderers took the lead just after the 15-minute mark when a wonderful pass from Cauley Woodrow found Daniel Harvie free on the left, and he drove forward and played in Sam Bell, who slotted the ball through George Wickens' legs.

The two on-loan Chairboys strikers then tested the visiting keeper, and following a spell of sustained Imps pressure, the Lincoln paid the price for being wasteful in the final third when Jamie Mullins slipped in the goalscorer, who lifted his effort over an onrushing keeper to double Wycombe's lead which was his second of the afternoon.

Half-time substitute Jack Moylan

thought he had earned his side a penalty when he was tripped by Anders Hagelskjær, but Oliver Langford judged that the Irishman had dived.

Justin Obikwu made the contest interesting by turning home a long throw, and 10 minutes later, the visitors were level.

Another substitute in Freddie Draper turned home former Chairboy Adam Reach's pass to set up a grandstand finish.

The game always felt like it had another goal in it, and so it proved as a deep corner from Ewan Henderson was touched across goal by substitute Bradley Fink, with captain Grimmer lurking at the far post to restore Wycombe's lead at the death.

The victory has lifted the Chairboys into 10th – the first time this season that they have got into the top half.



Jack Grimmer has scored six goals for Wycombe (PA)

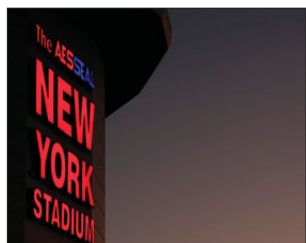
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Teenage fan who died from cancer to be remembered



The match will take place on November 29 (PA)

A ROTHERHAM United fan who passed away following a brave battle with cancer will be remembered in this weekend's match against Wycombe Wanderers.

Owen Jenkinson, who was diagnosed with Ewing's Sarcoma, a rare form of the disease that appears in the bones or in the soft tissue around them, in April 2022, died on November 24 at the age of just 17.

Following his passing, many fans of the Millers, as well as other clubs across the EFL, have sent

their well-wishes to Owen's family.

A minute's applause for the late teenager is due to take place when the Chairboys take on the Millers in South Yorkshire this weekend at the AESSEAL New York Stadium.

A statement on Rotherham's website reads: "Owen's attitude throughout an impossibly difficult journey moved us all.

"He faced challenges that no young person should ever have to, approached each day with an outlook on life which meant he was determined to make the most of every

moment, and he smiled in the face of even the greatest adversity.

"The Rotherham United family has today lost a truly awe-inspiring young man.

"There are no words that do justice to the life and legacy of Owen Jenkinson, who passed away following the most courageous fight with cancer.

"His positivity was genuine and pure, and it was as a direct result of that outlook, coupled with the unwavering support of a family who were right there with him

every step of the way, that he made it his mission to ensure that his illness did not define him.

"Owen will be remembered as the beacon of hope that the life he created for himself represented."

It continues: "The heartfelt condolences and every ounce of love of everyone at Rotherham United and our supporters are with the Jenkinson family and all of Owen's many friends at this unimaginably difficult time."

The match will kick-off at 3pm on November 29.

Boyd-Munce to step in for suspended Leahy

WYCOMBE Wanderers head coach Michael Duff has revealed Caolan Boyd-Munce is set to replace the suspended Luke Leahy in this weekend's away fixture at Rotherham United.

Leahy, who has started every league game for the Chairboys this season, will miss the Adams Park side's visit to the AESSEAL New York Stadium after picking up his fifth yellow card of the season in last weekend's 3-2 victory against Lincoln City.

It was his first caution in the competition since the 2-0 victory against Mansfield Town on September 6, when former head coach Mike Dodds was in charge.

His pending replacement, Boyd-Munce, has played 14 times in the league for Wycombe since his move from St Mirren in the summer, but only two of these appearances have been starts.

These were in the 1-1 away draws against Doncaster Rovers in August and Blackpool in October.

Speaking ahead of this weekend's trip to South Yorkshire, Duff said: "It is a blow [that Leahy will be missing]

"Everyone knows what he is, as he is a leader both on and off the pitch.

"He sets examples every day, but it is an opportunity for someone to come in, and it'll more than likely be Caolan.

"In a way, I feel a bit sorry for him [Boyd-Munce] as he trains properly every week, and when he is on the pitch, he has been very good.

"But at the same time, Luke hasn't done anything to not be in the team, but he will be this week, no choice of his own, and it will be a chance for Caolan to step up."

By James Richings

The clash at the weekend will be a battle between 11th [Wycombe] and 12th [Rotherham], with both sides improving after difficult starts to the season.

At the time of writing, Wanderers are unbeaten in six league games whilst United haven't lost in seven.

They both have identical records (won six, drawn five and six), and have conceded the same number of goals (19).

However, the Chairboys sit one place above the Millers, having scored six more goals this campaign.

Duff continued: "It is always tough to go up there, and they'll have the same sort of confidence levels as us.

"We'll go up there and be our best.

"The league is a strange but good one this year, as we have seen that anyone can literally beat anyone."

At the time of writing, 16 points are separating top-of-the-table Stevenage (30) and bottom-of-the-table Port Vale (14).

He concluded: "You do look at the table, but I don't predict things as I always try and win the half, then you pop your head up and assess where you are.

"I would be a liar if I said I never look at the table, and when we were a point above the bottom four, I was looking at it all the time.

"I don't worry about if, but and maybes, and I don't worry about what other teams are doing to do.

"We need to keep maintaining what we have."



Luke Leahy has featured in all of Wycombe's league games this season (PA)

Social media star visits Adams Park

A POPULAR YouTuber with nearly 12 million subscribers was spotted at a recent Wycombe Wanderers match.

The content creator, who travels to games across the country to shoot videos unrelated to the fixture, visited Adams Park when the Chairboys played Fulham in the fourth round of the League Cup at the end of October.

During his visit to South Buckinghamshire, he wanted to see how much weight he could lose whilst exercising during the cup tie.

Based in Family Stand, the Irish entertainer began the game weighing at 111.11kg (17.49 stones), in which he rode an exercise bike, did push-ups, went for a jog up and down some steps, whilst also donning an old-fashioned sweatsuit.

By the time the game finished, which saw Fulham progress via a penalty shootout victory after a 1-1 draw, Nellis had lost just under 3kg.

It was not the first time he had visited Adams Park this year, as he attended Wanderers' 0-0 home draw against Shrewsbury Town in April, where he cooked a pizza dressed as a chef by the pitch.

At the time of writing, the video has been viewed an incredible 33 million times, and has gained just under 800,000 times.

It is just one of the many he has uploaded to the site that have gained millions of hits, with his most popular 'YouTube Short' uploaded in the summer of 2024.

During that year's European Championships held in Germany, he decided to see how much money he could make by returning recycled cups at a stadium, with all the cash raised going to charity.

In all, he managed to make €90. The video has been viewed nearly 300million times.