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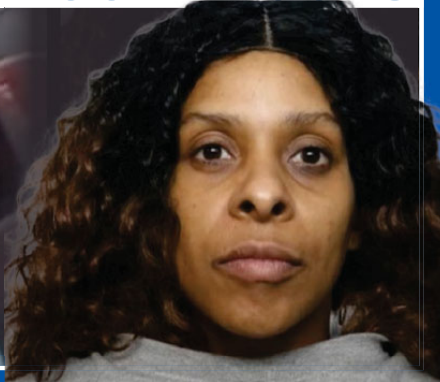
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LIVE facial recognition cameras to catch wanted criminals in High Wycombe are now live. Thames Valley Police visited the town as part of a nationwide rollout to capture suspects in serious and organised acquisitive crime inquiries.

**By James Richings**

Offences include robberies, burglaries and vehicles thefts. The technology will also be used to trace missing people.

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## Sport

# Beaconsfield let slip two goal lead to draw



The game finished 2-2 on January 17

**BEACONSFIELD** Town battled for a hard-earned point as they drew 2-2 at home to Leighton Town, writes Arran White.

After a dominant opening 15 minutes for Leighton Beaconsfield came into the game. First, Josh Marcon forced a good save with his volleyed effort before Beaconsfield took the lead in the 28th minute, when James Dobson scored a

wonder goal, striking the ball from 40 yards into the top corner.

It didn't take long for a confident Beaconsfield side to push home their advantage, and just five minutes later the score was doubled. Dobson turned provider and his corner was headed in by Manu Oke-Williams.

It could have been three for the hosts when Oke-Williams was played through on goal, but his effort was

cleared away by some last ditch defending.

In the second half it was an even game, with Beaconsfield playing with confidence and Leighton throwing everything at them when they got the ball to try and find a route back in to the game.

Tommy Dymott made two outstanding saves to keep the score 2-0. However in the 84th minute

Leighton found a life line.

Sydney Ibie picked up the ball out wide and cut inside before smashing the ball into the top corner.

As the game entered the final minute of added time Leighton found an equaliser as Jack Sayell found the back of the net.

A scuffle followed the goal and Leighton's Ibie saw a straight red card.

## Boys follow girls' team's cup success

MARLOW Hockey Club's U18 Boys' team followed the success of the U14 girls a week ago in reaching the quarter finals of the England Hockey Cup on Sunday, with a resounding 5-1 win over Southgate.

Having beaten local sides Wycombe and Maidenhead in earlier rounds, Southgate, historically one of the giants of English hockey, promised to be a tough challenge, and came to Marlow with confidence and an unbeaten record to protect.

Marlow were fast out of the blocks, scoring their first with a rasping reverse stick strike early in the game, followed by a sliding conversion at the far post after a flowing team move a few minutes later, taking the score to 2-0 after ten minutes.

Southgate were stung into a response, and pulled a goal back from a slickly taken penalty corner routine, but it wasn't long before Marlow's two goal cushion was restored with another well-taken goal, and the score remained 3-1 at half time after a half containing some scintillating hockey.

With twin junior internationals Ollie Blundy and Noah Gilmour marshalling Marlow's defence, and threats all across the forward line, the reds' goal was rarely threatened, and after going 4-1 up from a backboard-breaker of a penalty corner strike from Bertie Demery, the win was assured.

Attention wandered, leading to a scrappy period of play, only to be recovered when Marlow found themselves down to nine after a couple of sin-binnings. This period was negotiated without alarm, and the afternoon was rounded out nicely with a well-taken fifth, leaving the final score as 5-1. Bertie Demery scored a hat-trick, with Marlow's other goals coming from Ollie Blundy and Toby Wingrove.

# Risborough get deserved share of points at Haringey with 1-1 draw

Sports Reporter

**RISBOROUGH** Rangers finally played their first game of 2026 as they drew 1-1 away at Haringey Borough.

Before the game Rangers, sat just three points above their hosts in the congested top end of the Spartan South Midlands Premier Division.

That remained the situation at the end of play as both sides put in a decent shift for the 290 strong crowd.

Risborough started strongly, a fourth-minute free kick by Rodney Dos Santos was pounced on by Elliott Buchanan, his effort well held by Ashlee Jones.

Ten minutes later, the lively Rio Connell set up Andre Chiriac, but his effort went just wide.

The home side is a decent footballing outfit, however, and they went ahead with almost their first goal attempt.

On 26 minutes a shot from Stefanos Georgiou was deflected by a last-ditch Rangers block.

The resulting corner missed the heads of the Haringey attackers but hit the unfortunate Lewis Albert, wrong-footing Ben Bridle-Card to put the hosts one up.

Rangers took to their game plan and saw decent efforts from Elliott, Rio and Andre all well saved by Jones, who was by far the busiest of the two keepers.

Half-time, one-nil to the hosts, but it could well have been 3-1 to the visitors.

The home side came out fired up for the second period. The busy Bilal Sayoud forced a good save out of Ben Bridle-Card on 47 minutes, whilst five minutes later a bout of ping-pong in the Rangers area ended with another save from the Risborough keeper.

Having weathered the initial storm, Rangers finally got a deserved equaliser on 61 minutes

when a mazy run by Rio was ended by a clumsy challenge, and referee Ben Twitchings pointed to the spot.

Up stepped Captain Elliott to slot past Jones with ease.

Both sides then went in search of a winner, most notably for Rangers

on 73 minutes when a Rio shot was well saved by Jones.

The visitor's cause wasn't helped on 78 minutes by a second yellow for Dos Santos, leaving Rangers with 10 men, but they battled gamely to deservedly get a share of the points.

Next week, Rangers finally return

to the Kamtech Stadium when they host high-flying Cockfosters.

Should be a top game, and all support would be much appreciated as the lads aim to keep their seven-game unbeaten run intact, their last defeat coming in the away fixture at their visitors.



Risborough will play their first home game of 2026 this weekend

# Double from fantastic Fred helps Wanderers win away

WYCOMBE Wanderers secured only their second away league win this season as they defeated relegation-threatened Northampton Town 2-1 at Sixfields.

In what was the third meeting between the two teams this campaign, the Chairboys began strongly and nearly took the lead on 11 minutes through Taylor Allen.

The defender, who was booked six minutes earlier following a late lunge on Elliott List, cracked a half-volley at goal, which Ross Fitzsimons comfortably saved.

Wycombe didn't have to wait long to take the lead, however, as they went one up on 17 minutes thanks to a cool finish from Fred Onyed-inma.

The winger latched onto a through ball from Dan Casey, he shrugged off his man, before placing it beyond the on-rushing keeper.

It was his sixth of the season and his first in any capacity since the 4-1 home win over Leyton Orient at the start of November.

Wanderers nearly immediately made it 2-0, as Anders Hagelskjær's bullet header from an Allen corner looked to have found the bottom corner, but it was cleared off the line.

For Northampton, their best chance when a goal down fell to Nesta Guinness-Walker, who tried his luck from long-range, but Will Norris was on hand to claw it away.

However, he was helpless for the Cobblers' equaliser, which came from their captain, Jon Guthrie.

On 36 minutes, Tom Eaves'



Fred Onyed-inma scored his sixth and seventh goals of the season in the win at Sixfields (PA)

flick on evaded everyone in light and dark blue, which allowed Town's number five to head home.

The second period was another even contest with both sides having chances.

For the Cobblers, Sam Hoskins, who is now in his

11th season with Northampton, crashed the crossbar with a powerful header, while for Wanderers, Dan Harvie fired wide.

But the game was wrapped up just gone the hour mark when Onyed-inma got his second of the contest.

A brilliant low cross from Caolan Boyd-Munce found the Nigerian, who tapped home his brace, which was also his seventh of the campaign.

The victory was Wycombe's first on the road in League One since October 11, when

they beat Wigan Athletic 1-0 at the Brick Community Stadium. This is after not scoring in his last 11 outings.

Up next is Peterborough United at home on January 24, which is the club's community day at Adams Park. Attendance: 6,756 (838 away)

## Coach Duff: We need to show that level of effort every week

WYCOMBE Wanderers head coach Michael Duff said that results at places like Northampton Town 'decide where you finish' in the league, following their hard-fought 2-1 victory against the Cobblers.

A brace from Fred Onyed-inma, either side of a Jon Guthrie header, gave the Chairboys only their second away victory in the division this season – their first on the road since October 11.

It wasn't easy, as Will Norris was forced into making two good saves in both halves, while Sam Hoskins crashed the crossbar with a close-range header.

But Wanderers held on for all three points, as they move up to ninth, three points off the play-off places.

Speaking at full-time, Duff said: "It's hard to win a game of football, and now we need to show that level of commitment every week.

"There were lots of guts and resilience in that, but we just need to get that balance right.

"This is a tough place to come as they fight, scrap, and make things difficult, but I thought we dealt with that.

"A lot has been made that we haven't won enough away games this season, but the energy and the camaraderie were really good.

"I said to the players at half-time, these are the games that decide where you finish [in the league], because when we have been awful, we have been beaten 4-0, but when we have been really good, we've won three and fours.

"Both teams were in it, even up to the end, where it was on a knife-edge."

Duff also admitted that after the match had ended, he waited 'three to four minutes' to speak to the players, as he 'wanted to watch' his team 'celebrate the important win'.

He said 'it was great to see'. Wycombe have won nine of their last 12 games against Northampton in all competitions, which includes being unbeaten in the previous six league meetings between the two teams.

The Cobblers' last win against the Chairboys in the league came in February 2016 – the season Northampton won promotion to League One.

## Duff delighted at away day defensive display

WYCOMBE Wanderers head coach Michael Duff said he was 'delighted' with his team's defensive display as they secured a 2-1 victory away at Northampton Town.

A strike in each half from Fred Onyed-inma gave the Chairboys only their second away league victory of the season, as they move three points off the play-off places.

During their bout at Sixfields, the back three of Dan Casey, Anders Hagelskjær, and Taylor Allen defended heroically to thwart Elliott List, Tom Eaves and Kyle Edwards, despite conceding a Jon Guthrie header just before half-time.

Will Norris was on hand to back several important saves, while Connor Taylor and Jack Grimmer, who came on as second-half substitutes, also impressed.

For Grimmer, he played the final 20 minutes of the contest, a little over two weeks after fracturing a section of his back in the 1-1 draw against Cardiff City on New Year's Day.

Duff said: "It is tough and you need to find different ways to win.

"We work with all of them, so they all know their responsibilities.

"It doesn't really matter who you throw in there, as they are expected to do certain things.

"The tough bit [for them] was to get out as Northampton kept coming forward, so your natural reaction was to sink in.

"That is a false economy, as you'll cause yourself more problems.

"That is one thing we didn't do – we didn't sink in, and I thought defensively, to a man, I thought we were very good.

"They don't need to worry about the results, as that is my job.

"They need to deliver performances, and they did that, and I'll take the result.

On Grimmer, Duff added: "The Wycombe fans don't need me to tell them what type of character Jack Grimmer is – he will run through brick walls for the badge."



Michael Duff was pleased with Wycombe's display in Northampton (PA)

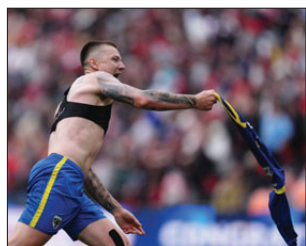
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## Tilley says ta-ra as he exits Wycombe for Wimbledon



Tilley played 101 games for the Dons across two seasons (PA)

**WYCOMBE Wanderers have confirmed the departure of winger James Tilley.**

The 27-year-old, who was the club's first signing of the season last summer, has returned to AFC Wimbledon on a loan deal until the end of the season.

The winger joined the Chairboys from the Dons back in June, after he played 101 times across two seasons for the London-based team.

He returns to the capital after

only featuring 13 times for Wycombe this campaign, scoring once.

His only goal for the Adams Park side came in a 2-2 draw against Thames Valley neighbours Reading, in which his header came in the 89th minute when Wanderers were 2-1 down.

Tilley initially played in Wycombe's first seven matches of the season in all competitions but missed nearly two months of the campaign after suffering a

hamstring injury in the club's 2-0 away win at Wigan Athletic in the League Cup.

He has only played three games since his return in November, with his last outing being in the 4-0 away loss versus Exeter City in the FA Cup at the start of December.

Tilley began his career with Brighton & Hove Albion, scoring once in four first-team appearances, where he had two loan spells at Cork City and Yeovil Town.

He would then leave Sussex for Lincolnshire, as he joined Grimsby Town on a permanent deal in January 2021. He spent one year with the club before heading back down south to Crawley Town, where he spent two and a half years with the League Two outfit.

A transfer to Wimbledon followed in 2023, where he played 101 games across two seasons before joining Wycombe in 2025.

## Wanderers 'close' to signing more players

WYCOMBE Wanderers head coach Michael Duff has confirmed that the club are 'thinking about a couple of players' but admitted that the market is 'busy' in terms of recruiting new faces.

The Chairboys have only signed one player this month; midfielder Luke Harris.

The 20-year-old arrives in South Buckinghamshire on a six-month loan deal from Premier League Fulham, after spending the first half of the season at Wanderers' Thames Valley neighbours, Oxford United.

His arrival comes after record signing Magnus Westergaard departed for Norwegian outfit Valerenga, while winger James Tilley has returned to AFC Wimbledon on a loan deal.

One name that is regularly linked to joining Wycombe is Bolton Wanderers' Aaron Morley, who is expected to leave the Trotters this month.

The midfielder, who had a stellar stint with the Chairboys last season, is also being looked at by Luton Town and Oxford United, the latter being managed by ex-Wycombe and Hatters head coach, Matt Bloomfield.

Speaking on the transfer activity, Duff said: "We're still thinking about a couple of others, and we have been close to one or two."

"We are close to a couple now. "Even if they are in the building, they shake hands with players and all that, it might not happen."

"We are looking to add."

On Tilley's exit after playing 13 games for Wycombe since his arrival back in June, Duff added: "He was not playing the amount of football that he wanted, and we couldn't keep him happy at the moment."

"The team is in a good place, and it's not that I don't think he is a

**James Richings**

good player.

"He got a move which works for both of us."

Aaron Morley continues to be heavily linked with a move back to the Chairboys, as it seems his time with the former Premier League side looks like it has come to an end.

He has not featured since Bolton's 1-0 home loss against Port Vale on January 13, and has been an unused substitute in their last two games.

And despite their manager Steven Schumacher suggesting he 'doesn't need to move any more players on', having let six names go this month, Morley is still expected to depart on the basis that Bolton's valuation is met.

It is believed the price has dropped below the £500,000 mark that the Greater Manchester side were asking in the summer.

Duff added: "He is a good player and someone that we know, but if I told you about every phone call that I have had over the last 24 hours about the players [either interested or linked], we would be sitting here for about 20 minutes."

"We are aware of the situation, and nobody needs to be told that he is a good player, but there is a long, long list."

"We have been close on a couple and just missed out, and we're hopefully close to another couple."

"But unless they are here [signed], there is no point talking about any individuals, so there is so much going on behind the scenes."

"It is busy."

Wycombe's next match is at home to Peterborough United on January 24.

## First signing in transfer window as Harris joins

WYCOMBE Wanderers have made their first signing of the January transfer window by securing the services of attacking midfielder Luke Harris.

The 20-year-old arrives on a loan deal until the end of the season from Premier League Fulham.

Prior to his arrival at Adams Park, Harris had spent the start of the campaign at the Chairboys' Thames Valley rivals Oxford United, where he played 17 times in all competitions, scoring once.

This was in a 1-1 draw against promotion-pushing Middlesbrough back in November.

Tom Stockwell, the club's Director of Football Strategy and Data Intelligence, told the club's website: "Luke is an excellent player, and we are very happy to have him here until the end of the season."

"He has already got so much experience at League One for such a young player and played a key role in Birmingham's successes last season."

"Luke can play in different shapes and systems, and that versatility is a big plus for us. He will run in behind and has a track record of scoring and creating goals."

Harris' move remains subject to EFL and FA approval, in which he will wear the number 28 shirt.

He could make his Wycombe bow in this weekend's home clash against Peterborough United.

The attacking midfielder has played eight times for the Fulham first-team, with four of these matches being in the top-flight.

He has also enjoyed loan spells at Exeter City and Birmingham City, winning promotion with the Blues last season.

During his stint with Birmingham, Harris scored in a 3-2 away win for the ex-Premier League side against Wycombe in August 2024.



Aaron Morley (right) has once again been linked to a move back to Wycombe (PA)