

Keeper swaps gloves for a bat



Taking a dive:
Wycombe Wanderers legend Steve Brown goes full length to try and stop the ball going down the leg side. Wanderers won the testimonial against Wycombe Warriors by six wickets

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FORMER Wanderers keeper Martin Taylor returned to Bucks last week and starred in Steve Brown's testimonial cricket match before revealing he would much rather have been a cricketer than a footballer.

Taylor, who was Wanderers goalkeeper when they performed a Houdini act to stay in Division Two under Lawrie Sanchez and again when the Blues reached the semi-final of the FA, took five

wickets and scored 43 runs as the footballers beat the town's cricketers by six wickets.

Afterwards Taylor said: "When I was growing up I was a lot better at cricket than I was at football but dad couldn't afford to take me to coaching.

"But my biggest love is cricket. I still admit that."

Taylor could have made it as a county cricketer and he showed why as helped steer Brownie's XI

to an unexpected win over the town's cricketers.

His five wickets included two tremendous catches as Wanderers had Warriors all out for 161.

Then he opened the batting and smashed 43 runs off 40 balls.

He was ably assisted by fellow opener, Wanderers office worker James Skitt who hit 64.

Blues midfielder Matt Bloomfield also exposed the sympathetic Wycombe Warriors bowling as he

whacked a quick-fire 33 off 18 balls.

The scene looked set for Brown to come in and score the winning runs and after three air shots he got off the mark with two successive fours before losing his wicket for nine runs.

That left Charlie Mapes facing as Wanderers got the winning runs courtesy of a bye that gifted them four runs.

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