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By Isabella Perrin

THREE children who were trafficked as part of a complex drugs network were found in High Wycombe.

Now the criminals behind their disappearance have been jailed – but some for as little as two years.

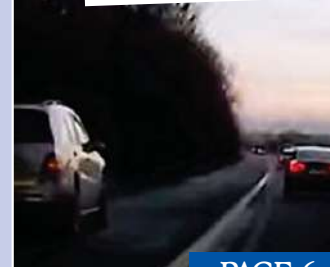
The three youngsters – aged 12 to 16 – were taken from Leicester. Police say they believe the trio were also dispatched to London to transport drugs money.

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Drug gang members who trafficked youngsters in High Wycombe sent to prison for just two years



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Sport

ROWING

Rower Helen Glover hopes for medal

DOUBLE Olympic champion Helen Glover hopes the upcoming European Rowing Championships is just another stepping stone on the road to a third Olympic gold medal, writes James Reid, Sportsbeat.

Truro's Glover kicked off the season in style with World Rowing Cup victory in Varese as part of the women's four alongside Esme Booth, Samantha Redgrave and Rebecca Shorten.

The quartet edged out fellow Brits Heidi Long, Rowan McKellar, Holly

Dunford and Emily Ford for first place but the experienced Glover is not getting carried away just yet and insisted there is still plenty of work to do before Paris.

"It's the best way to start the season," she said. "We very much came here with it part of our training run up to the [Olympic] Games so to come out and do that 2km within that is just really big practice."

"We are in a training flow so we will go back home into training almost as if we haven't missed a step to flow into the Europeans. It

is important to keep the consistency now, so we are not peaking for this, we are peaking for 100 days' time.

"We haven't been together that long so finding out where we are and what we need to work on is definitely step one."

Glover's quartet now head to Hungary for the European Championships (April 25-28), where they will hope to lay down another marker with just three months left until the Games.

They will bid for gold in the women's four following a heartbreaking fourth-



Women's four. Pic by Benedict Tufnell

RUGBY

Amersham and Chiltern club has day to remember

AMERSHAM & Chiltern Rugby Club had a day to remember as they were coached by British & Irish Lion and Rugby World Cup winner Jason Robinson.

Players from the club's mini and juniors' sections were invited to Oxford University Rugby Club to take part in Howden's Big Rugby Day Out, where they took part in coaching sessions led by Robinson and tried their hands at a number of other rugby-based activities.

Amersham & Chiltern were invited to the event alongside a number of other Lions Origins Clubs as Howden kick-started their principal partnership of the British & Irish Lions ahead of the 2025 tour of Australia and inaugural women's tour in 2027.

Origins clubs are those that former Lions began their rugby playing career at, with Amersham & Chiltern the club that 2005 tourist Josh Lewsey got to grips with the game, with Howden shining a light on the fantastic work done at the community level.

"It's fantastic," said Mike Smith, Amersham & Chiltern mini and junior's coach.

"We are a relatively small club, so it is lovely to get invited. We have one ex-Lions player in Josh Lewsey. His shirt is in the clubhouse and to be invited to this means a huge amount to the children.

"They are going to be inspired. They already love the game, but the opportunity to see where things could go and to see other teams and other players as well, it is key for them.

"Events like this are hugely beneficial, because rugby is competing massively against sports like football, so for the elite to invest in grassroots and for Howden to put on events like this, it means we can stand a chance against other sports."

Amersham & Chiltern where one of seven Lions Origins clubs attended the event in Oxford, where Rugby World Cup heroes Jason Robinson and Maggie

By Joe Harvey

Alphonso got hands on with some coaching.

There are currently 711 Lions Origins Clubs that have produced 855 British & Irish Lions, and Howden are holding them at the heart of their new sponsorship.

It is a cause close to the heart of Howden ambassador Robinson too, who believes such an initiative can only be good for the sport.

"Community is so important because without it we don't have a game, it's simple," Robinson said.

"We need to build the players up, we need to inspire them, we need to get them playing at the highest possible level. There are so many people within the clubs who do so much work.

"The international game is based on grassroots. The more we can do to support clubs the better, which is where Howden's investment in the game is massive.

"It's not just the top level, it's the grassroots.

We know all the benefits that rugby has to offer kids, especially being in a team.

"The more we can do it; the more we can inspire, hopefully the stronger the game can be."

Now the principal sponsor of the British & Irish Lions, Howden will be front and centre of the famous red jersey when Andy Farrell's team reach Australia next year.

Head of global sponsorships Giles Morgan underlined the honour of such a prestigious place in sporting history and reaffirmed Howden's commitment to both the elite and community game.

"We want to meet all the Lions Origins clubs and celebrate them, not just because of history but for the future as well," he said.



Howden and British & Irish Lions Big Rugby Day Out. Pic by imagecomms.com

FOOTBALL

Another positive display on the road

WYCOMBE Wanderers made it six games unbeaten as they drew 1-1 away against relegation-threatened Cambridge United.

The Chairboys went into the contest off the back of three consecutive away wins in the division, making them one of the in-form teams in the league.

Wanderers looked threatening with Garath McCleary, Freddie Potts and Josh Scowen pulling the strings, but it was Nigel Lonwijk who almost put Wycombe ahead on nine minutes, as he headed a Kieran Sadlier corner onto the crossbar.

Moments before, Sam Vokes had fired wide for the Chairboys on the volley.

It was an array of Wycombe attacks as Cambridge looked nervous – the Us knew that a win against Wanderers would all but keep them in League One for a third straight season.

However, news that Cheltenham Town, who are also fighting for their lives, took a 2-0 goal lead against play-off pushing Peterborough United, meant some jitters began to sink into the United players.

Jason McCarthy was denied by Will Mannion in the Cambridge goal, with the latter also stopping Chris Forino's header.

Sadlier hit the post with a long-range attempt whilst Scowen also went close.

For the Us, their best chances fell to Gassan Ahadme, as he headed wide on two occasions.

Both his attempts were assisted by James Brophy.

Elias Kachunga headed wide, whilst ex-Chairboy Sullay Kaikai also tried his luck but to no avail.

Wycombe had a strong shout for a penalty in the early stages of the second period when Sam Vokes was pulled down by James Gibbons, but referee Will Finnle waved away the protests.

Scowen and Sadlier tried their luck in the early stages with Matt Butcher being denied by Mannion.

But it was the hosts who got the game's opening goal, as Ahadme's bullet header beat Franco Ravazzoli for pace before crashing the underside of the crossbar.

The Abbey Stadium went crazy as it seemed they had avoided relegation back into League One.

However, with nine minutes remaining, ex-Wycombe striker Lyle Taylor clipped Lonwijk in the box and Wanderers were given a spot-kick.

Up stepped Luke Leahy who converted from 12-yards with his 11th of the season.

The result means Wycombe can finish the season between 10th and 14th in the table.

They host Charlton Athletic at Adams Park in the curtain closer on April 27, bringing an end to four consecutive away games where they managed to pick up a brilliant 10 points from 12 available.

Attendance: 6,081 (271 away).

CHESHAM UNITED FC WOMEN

Late equaliser denies women 3 points

		P	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	Pts
1	AFC WIMBLEDON	21	17	2	2	+60			53
2	NORWICH CITY	20	13	7	0	+38			46
3	WORTHING	21	12	6	3	+22			42
4	QUEENS PARK RANGERS	20	10	4	6	+7			34
5	ACTONIAN	21	10	4	7	+6			34
6	ASHFORD TOWN (MIDDX)	20	9	5	6	+9			32
7	CAMBRIDGE UNITED	20	8	5	7	-2			29
8	LONDON SEAHAWK	20	6	7	7	+3			25
9	CHESHAM UNITED	20	5	3	12	-26			18

Score table

CHESHAM United FC Women battled to a 2-2 draw against QPR FC Women on Sunday in the FA Women's National League.

With relegation and promotion already decided this was a mid-table battle for pride and momentum going into next season.

QPR kicked the game off but Chesham scored first on 3 minutes. Sasha Smith had a great chance cleared off the line and the resulting corner was whipped in from the right-hand side. The ball went loose and Ellie Doerr was on hand to bundle the ball in at the far post. 1-0.

15 minutes later and QPR found the net. A well worked free kick found Courtney Ward-Chambers and she expertly volleyed in at the near post. 1-1.

Both teams would hold a share of possession for the rest of the half but never really tested either keeper. The whistle blew

for half-time, bringing a tight, end-to-end encounter to a halt.

Chesham started the second half on the front foot. Two strong tackles from Hana Hetherington allowed Gemma Fraser space and time to try curl the ball into the top right corner. However, a lack of power on the shot made it a simple catch for the keeper.

On 55' Chesham reclaimed their lead. Fraser would get another chance and it did not disappoint! She collected the ball just inside QPR's half, coolly evaded the oncoming defender and stroked it from range over the keeper and in off the crossbar. 2-1 Chesham!

Ten minutes later and a let off for Chesham! A cross came in from the left-hand side, falling to QPR's attacker who easily taps it in but much to the home supporters' relief the flag went up!

As the half continued, the visitors controlled

AP PREVIEW'S

One last time for 2023/24

AFTER four away games in the space of just 11 days, it is finally home sweet home for Wycombe when they host Charlton Athletic at Adams Park on Saturday, April 27 in their final fixture of the 2023/24 season.

Whatever the result against a Charlton team unbeaten in their last 14 games, Wanderers have ended the campaign on a high and given their fans so much to look forward to next season.

Despite the disappointment of losing at Wembley in the Bristol Street Motors Trophy Final, Matt Bloomfield's men went on to hold promotion contenders Derby County to a draw before winning three away games in a row then making it five games without defeat when they drew at Cambridge United in midweek.

Victory against Charlton would cement a top ten finish in League One and provide a splendid finale to what has been a season of highs and lows.

They lost 3-1 in the reverse fixture at The Valley last September despite West Ham loanee Freddie Potts scoring a goal-of-the-season contender for the Blues.

It was the first home game for Charlton under recently appointed manager Michael Appleton, who was subsequently sacked in January after a winless run of ten games.

Appleton was replaced by Nathan Jones, an old adversary of Wycombe in his days in charge of Luton Town and Charlton's seventh different manager in the space of just three years.

A Premier League club back in 2009, Charlton have spent six of the last seven seasons in League One where they are six places and nine points below Wycombe in the current table.

Wanderers have beaten them only three times in ten previous meetings, and could face their nemesis Alfie May, who once scored four goals in a crazy 5-5 draw at Adams Park playing for Cheltenham Town. He is League One's leading scorer this season with twenty-three goals.

With several Wycombe players out of contract and new arrivals on Bloomfield's radar, it looks like being a busy summer of comings and goings at Adams Park before the 2024/25 season kicks off in August.

Enjoy the summer, and watch this space!

FOOTBALL

Chesham defeated but fans still celebrate promotion

CHESHAM were defeated in their final home game of the Southern League Premier South campaign but brushed defeat off as they were presented with the Championship trophy after the game.

This was Chesham's first home league defeat since last September and an important win for Bracknell that makes them favourites to clinch the fourth and final play-off place after a seesaw encounter.

There were four changes to the starting line-up – Steve Brown, Kieran Murphy, Calum Adebiyi and Jack Connors came in for Avan Jones, Alex Lafleur, Ryan Upward and Ogo Obi.

Chesham made a bright start, Ricardo German cutting in from the left and firing in a shot that keeper Michael Eacott beat away. Lewis Rolfe also got to the by-line on the right, and the ball eventually came to T'Sharne Gallimore whose shot was again parried by Eacott.

Bracknell had chances too with Haydon Vaughan shooting across goal but Ralph Vigrass' dipping shot cleared the bar. Chesham came back with a powerful drive from Ricardo German that Eacott again stretched to tip away. The closest either side came to a goal was on 41 minutes, when Ricardo German ran on to Bradley Clayton's through ball but his final effort came off the post into the arms of a relieved goalkeeper who had had a terrific 45 minutes!

In the second half the visitors began to take control of the game and broke through on 56 minutes. Vigrass headed on a long through ball and Great Evans ran on to fire past Zaki Oualah. 0-1.

Chesham equalised on 71 minutes, when Lewis Rolfe headed a Jack Connors cross back across goal and Jordan Edwards swept the ball into the net.

Edwards was immediately substituted, and two minutes later Kieran Murphy came

off to a great reception on the occasion of his last home appearance for the club. Chesham were looking the more likely to snatch a winner late on, Bradley Clayton having a shot saved after good work by Ogo Obi. However it was Bracknell who found a late winner, when Tom Jackson's shot came back off the bar and Jordan Espirit turned in the loose ball. 1-2 at full-time and Bracknell move closer to a play-off place.

After the game the home fans were treated to the final act of their brilliant season as Chesham United FC lifted The Southern League Premier South trophy. They will play in National League South next season so some mouth-watering local derbies against teams like Slough Town, Hemel Hempstead Town and St Albans City. One more game to go this season as Chesham travel to Gosport Borough on Saturday.



Pic by Trevor Hyde

Thoughts after final away day of the season

WYCOMBE Wanderers manager Matt Bloomfield has reacted to his side's recent 1-1 draw away at Cambridge United.

The Chairboys fell behind through a well-taken header by Gassan Ahadme with 20 minutes remaining, but a late Luke Leahy penalty rescued a point for the Chairboys.

His spot-kick came with nine minutes left.

Speaking after the game, Bloomfield said: "I enjoyed watching us

and thought we were very good.

"We played with a very good intensity and energy which I really liked.

"The goal against was disappointing as it was too simple – a one-two from a throwing, a simple throwing into the box and it was a header.

"We need to cut that out but we've been brilliant at the back recently.

"To show the character and fight was brilliant, and it was a clear trip on Nigel [Lonwijk] who I thought was brilliant.

"He missed last week due to Covid and he played really well.

"What I liked was that the lads picked the ball up and ran back to the centre circle as they wanted the winner.

"We came out with a spring in our step as we wanted to impress ourselves and leave a mark on the game.

"We know that Cambridge have got a lot to play for so we needed to pick off their shape in how they pressed our fullbacks.

"We wanted to get the ball wide as much as we could.

"If you want to be a decent team, you can't just rely on your home form so you need to be good on the road.

"At times this season, when we went to Oxford, Charlton and Peterborough, we could have got more points on the board as we played well.

"Since moving to four at the back, we've been solid."

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Another away victory for awesome Amersham Town



It was goals galore when the Magpies played recently

IN their penultimate game of the league season Amersham Town extended their run of unbeaten games in the league to fifteen, writes Mike Gahagan.

Against a robust Molesey side aiming to ensure a play-off place, Amersham could never relax but took their chances well.

Both sides were probing for openings when Amersham opened the scoring on twelve minutes from a set piece. Centre back Kyle Clifford got behind the defence to drive a well flighted free kick past

Molesey keeper Kevin Wheller. Six minutes later they increased their lead with a fine goal. A long ball down the right found Louis Bircham whose precise lob across the six-yard box was nodded home by Jake Tabor.

Molesey now came back strongly and created a couple of half chances. A free kick from just outside the area was blocked by the wall and a good move down the left resulted in the forward dragging his shot just wide. It was therefore no surprise when they

drew a goal back on thirty-seven minutes. A free kick from the right was knocked back across goal for a forward to tap home. Molesey now increased the pressure but the Town defence stood up well and, on the stroke of half time, Amersham restored their two goal advantage. A Luke Henegham corner from the left was flighted into the six-yard box where Tabor outjumped the defence to head against the bar and deflect the rebound into the net.

The second half started with an

aerial bombardment by the home side on the Amersham goal which was well defended, including an outstanding take under pressure by keeper Ryan Lehane. Town then made the game safe on sixty-five minutes. A long ball found Bircham alone on the right. He cleverly rounded Wheller to side foot into an empty net.

Town finish their league season next Saturday away at London Samurai Rovers, to be followed by the presentation evening at Spratleys Meadow.

Legend Joe Jacobson to leave Wycombe in June

By James Richings

WYCOMBE Wanderers have confirmed that club captain Joe Jacobson will make his 400th and last appearance for the Chairboys this weekend.

The 37-year-old, who joined the Adams Park side in 2014 from Shrewsbury Town, is out of contract this summer and will officially depart the club when his current deal expires on June 30.

During his decade in South Buckinghamshire, he has recorded 99 goal contributions (44 goals and 55 assists), has played in three play-off finals, and scored the winning penalty to send Wycombe into the Championship for the very first time.

He also has the unique destination of scoring a hat-trick which consisted of set pieces – two of which were corners.

This was in a 3-1 home victory against Lincoln City in September 2019.

Speaking on his time at Adams Park, he said: "I'm incredibly proud to have spent 10 of the best years of my life with this club and I will always look back with great pride at the memories we have all created together during this time.

"Adams Park is a place I can call home, and I have made friendships that will stay with me forever.

"Because of that, I feel really fortunate and privileged that I've had the opportunity to play 400 games at a place where I've been happy and achieved a lot individually and as a team.

"I don't know what comes next, so this is more of a 'see you soon' than a goodbye because I know I'll keep in touch with the staff, players and many other people around the club.

"The supporters have been un-

believable with me, from David and Barbara who've sponsored me throughout my time here, to Jake and Stanley and Lochy who are there waiting for us with big smiles and treats after every game, whatever the weather and whatever the result.

"There are too many great people here to mention.

"Saturday will be a special and emotional day for me – a day that I'm looking forward to and kind of dreading in equal measure. Above all I want to play my part in the team having a strong end to the season and finishing my time here with a win, and having one last celebration to share with all the great people who've made my time here so amazing."

He will end the campaign with 11 appearances with eight of these run-outs taking place at Adams Park.

A fitting end to the ex-Cardiff City man who has given the Wycombe fans many memories over the last 10 years.

Owner Rob Couhig said: "On behalf of everyone at Wycombe Wanderers, I thank Joe for his outstanding service and encourage every youngster who aspires to have a career in the game to look at how Joe has conducted himself on and off the pitch.

"He has all the skills and characteristics of a fantastic leader and he will always be held in the highest regard at Adams Park."

His final appearance will be against Charlton Athletic on April 27, with the fixture kicking off at 12.30.

Tickets are still available to purchase.



Joe Jacobson will play his 400th and final game for Wycombe when Wanderers take on Charlton at Adams Park this weekend (PA)

Pre-season is the aim for injured Hanlan

WYCOMBE Wanderers manager Matt Bloomfield has provided an update on striker Brandon Hanlan as the latter continues to recover from injury.

The 26-year-old forward suffered a damaged ACL in the Chairboys' 1-0 home defeat against Stevenage on November 11, where he was ruled out of the remainder of the season.

His campaign ended abruptly with the ex-Bristol Rovers man bagging three goals in 19 appearances.

And whilst no date has been set for his competitive comeback, the aim is to have the attacker ready by the end of the summer.

Bloomfield told the Free Press: "I think it'll be back end of pre-season.

"With these things, the last thing we want to do is rush him.

"This injury means a very long rehabilitation period and you need to do it properly.

"We want to get the Brandon Hanlan before the injury back.

"It might take a bit of time because he'll have to feel his way back into it, but I think we've got the balance between giving him time and looking forward to having him back.

"Behind the scenes, he's working so hard as he's doing his work as diligently as you can.

"I had this injury so I know how tough it is to go into the gym day in and day out when everyone is out on the grass preparing for games.

"I believe he'll have a couple of weeks at St George's Park over the summer to continue his work while the medical team staff have a bit of time off.

"And we'll hope to work him back in as soon as he can."

Since joining Wycombe in August 2021, Hanlan has gone onto score 14 times in 98 matches in all competitions.