

DONS COLUMN



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WITH the January transfer window approaching, Dons will likely look to secure at least one loan signing to help them through the second half of the season.

But who should the Dons bring in? What positions need the most help and who can fill that role in January?

One person could be Milos Veljkovi - a Serbian U21 international defender that currently plies his trade for Tottenham Hotspur's reserve side.

Veljkovi has had short loan spells with Championship clubs Middlesbrough and Charlton Athletic, giving him valuable experience that could help provide the Dons with more depth at the back, given the injuries to Matthew Upson and Joe Walsh.

Adam Armstrong is arguably the least likely scenario for Dons, with Armstrong currently on-loan at League One high flyers Coventry City.

Coventry are desperate to keep hold of their top goal scorer, who has found the net 12 times in 14 league matches.

Rumours have begun to swirl around the young Englishman that indicates that clubs from the Championship are keen to lure him to them on loan and his parent club, Newcastle United, may be keen to see him tested at a higher level.

Sadiq El Fitouri is a fairy-tale story of achieving your dreams and plays for Manchester United's U21 team, while after the success that former Arsenal youth product Benik Afobe had since playing for the Dons on-loan last season, fans have high hopes for Alex Iwobi's future and Jake Forster-Caskey had a successful one-month loan earlier this season.

FIXTURES

- NOV 21 FULHAM (H)
- NOV 28 WOLVES (A)
- DEC 5 BRENTFORD (A)
- DEC 12 IPSWICH (H)
- DEC 15 SHEFF WED (A)

CHAMPIONSHIP TABLE

Team	P	Home					Away					GD	PTS
		W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A		
1 Hull	16	6	2	0	16	3	4	2	2	10	5	18	34
2 Brighton	16	6	2	0	10	4	3	5	0	11	8	9	34
3 Burnley	16	6	1	1	16	8	3	4	1	7	6	9	32
4 Middlesbro	16	6	1	1	15	2	3	2	3	9	10	12	30
5 Derby	16	4	3	1	13	6	4	3	1	9	5	11	30
6 Birmingham	16	3	2	3	9	10	5	2	1	15	7	7	28
7 Cardiff	16	5	2	1	10	4	1	5	2	7	8	5	25
8 Reading	16	3	4	1	11	5	3	2	3	12	12	6	24
9 Sheff Wed	16	4	3	1	12	8	2	3	3	8	11	1	24
10 Ipswich	16	3	4	1	11	7	3	2	3	12	16	0	24
11 Brentford	16	3	1	4	9	13	3	2	3	12	10	-2	21
12 Fulham	16	3	2	3	15	15	2	3	3	14	13	1	20
13 QPR	16	3	4	1	16	11	2	1	5	6	13	-2	20
14 Wolves	16	2	3	3	10	10	3	1	4	11	11	-1	19
15 Leeds	16	1	3	4	5	10	3	4	1	11	9	-3	19
16 Blackburn	16	2	4	2	8	5	1	4	3	7	10	0	17
17 Preston	16	1	5	2	5	6	2	3	3	6	7	-2	17
18 Notts Forest	16	2	3	3	7	8	2	2	4	5	8	-4	17
19 Huddersfield	16	2	3	3	10	10	1	3	4	6	13	-7	15
20 Bristol City	16	2	2	4	10	15	1	4	3	7	11	-9	15
21 DONS	16	3	0	5	7	10	1	2	5	7	13	-9	14
22 Charlton	16	3	2	3	11	13	0	2	6	3	13	-12	13
23 Bolton	16	1	6	1	6	6	0	2	6	4	16	-12	11
24 Rotherham	16	1	2	5	9	18	1	1	6	8	15	-16	9

MK LIGHTNING

Lightning to play GB U20 friendly

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MK LIGHTNING will entertain Great Britain U20s on Wednesday, December 2 at the MK Arena.

The game will be one of GB's final fixtures before they head to France to contest division 1B of the World Junior Championships in Megeve, near Chamonix, from 12 - 18 December.

Lightning players Glenn Billing, Lewis Hook, Ed Knaggs and Luc Johnson were all named recently in Head Coach Tommy Watkins' GB roster. The fixture will give Lightning fans a unique chance to see those players line up against their normal team mates.

Meanwhile, Guildford Flames inflicted overtime heartbreak on Lightning with a game-winning goal just 11 seconds from the end of overtime at the MK Arena on Saturday.

It was a bitter blow after Lightning fought their way back into the game after going two goals behind by the 18th minute.

Just as it looked as though a shoot-out would be necessary up stepped Jens Eriksson to make it



Narrow defeat: MK Lightning lost 3-2 to Guildford Flames at the MK Arena on Saturday
Picture: Tony Sargent

3-2 to the Surrey side and give them a second successive win over Lightning at the MK Arena.

Former fans' favourite Milan Kostourek terrorised his former team when he bagged four of Bracknell Bees' goals in their 7-2 defeat of Lightning at The Hive on Sunday.

The Czech forward had two assists as well on a night to forget for the visitors. They were 5-0 down before Adam Carr responded with a goal for Lightning, while Glen Billing also scored.

Lightning travel to Basingstoke Bison on Saturday and entertain Sheffield Steeldogs on Sunday.

BADMINTON

Superseries Finals berth for pair

CHRIS and Gabby Adcock's China Open bid ended at the last eight stage of the mixed doubles on Friday as the English pair accrued yet more Olympic qualification points on the road to Rio.

The Adcocks lost to China's rising pair, Liu Cheng and Bao Yixin, the world silver medalists, 21-10, 21-18 in 36 minutes.

"Not the result we hoped for tonight!" Chris admitted on Twitter afterwards.

"We got off to a slow start which cost us the first, the second was much better but they just had the luck at the end of the set.

The Adcocks' run in Fuzhou had also seen them qualify for the end-of-year BWF Superseries Finals in Dubai after their first round win.

Chris and Gabby will now head to next week's Hong Kong Open, the last stop on the world circuit before the year-end Finals in the Middle East.



China Open: The Adcocks were knocked out in the quarter-final by Liu Cheng and Bao Yixin

RUGBY UNION

Unbeaten MK march on with win

BLETCHLEY moved down to tenth in Southern Counties North after they were beaten 12-8 at home to Wallingford, with John Kirwan getting the try.

They have another home match this weekend against Buckingham and they will be looking to get up the table, although with Buckingham in

fifth it won't be an easy test. In the Berks/Bucks and Oxon Premier Division, Milton Keynes are top of the league after making it seven wins out of seven with a 13-3 home triumph over Tadley.

They travel to third-placed Abingdon on Saturday in what looks a stiff test for them to

maintain their unbeaten credentials at the top of the table.

In Midlands Two East (South), Olney picked up a 20-3 success at home to Peterborough to lift them up to eighth in the league. They travel to basement club Rushden and Higham this Saturday.

SPORTS SHORTS

NON-LEAGUE FOOTBALL

TABLE toppers Leicester Nirvana kept up their winning ways as Newport Pagnell Town were beaten 5-1 in the United Counties Premier League.

In the Berks and Bucks Intermediate Cup third round, Olney Town beat Buckingham Athletic 3-0 and Loughton Manor beat Holmer Green Reserves 6-5 on penalties after they drew 2-2 in normal time. Old Bradwell United beat Aston Clinton 4-1.

In the Spartan South Midlands League Division Two, Stony Stratford Town lost 3-2 at Mursley United, while Wolverton Town beat St Albans City Reserves 4-3.

YOUTH FOOTBALL

THE City Colts' Lions team won the Presidents Trophy with a sudden death penalty victory over Wing Raiders Wasps. Jacob Larbi scored the winning penalty and Eesa Khan saved three penalties throughout the course of the shoot-out. Rahul Thakrar scored Colts' goal in normal time as that ended 1-1.

ATHLETICS

MARSHALL Milton Keynes Athletics Club's senior athletes were involved in three off-road events.

Lara Bromilow has been first senior lady in the London Cross-Country Championships for the last two years but this year had to settle for third place in her bid for a hat-trick of victories. The race was held around Parliament Hill Fields in North London over a 6km course.

There were six athletes competing in the 'Dirt Half-Marathon' - a race starting and finishing in Leighton Buzzard and embracing the Grand Union Canal and Stockgrove Park. From the field of over 650, Casper Zoeflig placed 31st.

Seven seniors ran in the annual 10km Herberts Hole Cross-country race at Chesham. Kevin Church led them home in 88th (53.19) and Deborah Hindmarch finished 19th, 19th female overall.

HOCKEY

MILTON Keynes Ladies were looking to get back to winning ways in the South Clubs' Women's Hockey League Division 3A and while they avoided defeat, they could only draw 2-2 at Wycombe. Twice MK came from behind to level proceedings with Charlie Coumbe and Karmel Bracken.

Meanwhile, in the South Hockey League Premier Division One, Jamie Dodd scored MK's only goal in their 3-1 defeat at home to high-flying Havant.

TABLE TENNIS

THE big match in the Milton Keynes Table Tennis League Premier Division this week saw second placed Greenleys Monarchs take on MK Sasaki in third position.

Monarchs brought in their big gun Steve Silk, who they keep for special occasions, but Sasaki had a new star signing of their own to unveil in Charles Philippe, a French post graduate student.

Their influence on the match was even with two wins each, but Shandor Czuczor enjoyed a brilliant night, winning all sets in straight games to guide Monarchs to a 6-4 victory.

League leaders MK Spinners also won 6-4 to maintain the gap but were taken close by an MK Kingpins side which included Dave Buckley, who also played a Division One match on an adjacent table.

Dave Murphy was the difference between the sides when MK Walking Wounded beat Greenleys Kings in another 6-4 score-line, with his fourth maximum in seven matches.

With their first win of the season MK Powers not only more than doubled their points tally but also took themselves off the bottom of the division. An impressive 8-2 victory over MK Phoenix was achieved by way of a Biao Wang hat-trick.