



## READING COMPREHENSION

Read the following text and choose the correct answer for the questions below.

### Vichai Srivaddhanaprabha, Leicester City owner, confirmed dead in crash

Leicester City owner, Vichai Srivaddhanaprabha, died in the helicopter crash outside the club's stadium on Saturday. He was one of the five people killed when the accident occurred around an hour after the club's draw at home to West Ham United. The Thai owner's helicopter crashed near a car park by the south-east corner of the stadium shortly after taking off from the pitch at around 8.20pm. The Air Accidents Investigation Branch (AAIB) is leading the investigation into the accident and a cordon remains in place at the scene while inquiries continue.

Vichai, 60, was a hugely popular figure at Leicester, having bought the club for £39m in 2010. With him, the club won the Premier League in 2016 for the first time in its history. The self-made billionaire and father of four was also respected locally for his charity work, having donated £2m to Leicester Children's Hospital. His surname, meaning "light of progressive glory" in Thai, had been bestowed on him by King Bhumibol, the former monarch of Thailand, in recognition of his corporate and social responsibility programmes.

Vichai regularly left home matches in his Augusta AW169 helicopter and on Saturday he was due to travel in it to Luton Airport before taking his private jet to Thailand. Eyewitness' reports indicated that the helicopter only just cleared the roof of the stands, stayed in the air briefly, then spiralled down to earth after reportedly developing a fault with its tail rotor. The aircraft crashed and erupted into flames after impact where it lay on land owned by the club, near a car park used by Leicester staff, which was empty at the time. Emergency services rushed to the scene to tackle the fire and search the wreckage, with the area eventually cordoned off by Leicestershire police.

Members of the public travelled to the stadium to leave tributes on Sunday. Players in Premier League matches wore black armbands as a mark of respect. Minute silences were held at Manchester United and Burnley, and a minute applause took place at Crystal Palace. In Thailand, well known figures in football and politics paid tribute, too. Nualphan Lamsam, who manages Thailand's national women's football team, sent thoughts and prayers to Vichai's family, while Anutin Charvirakul, leader of the Bhumjai Thai political party, told local media that he considered Vichai to be like a big brother.



Aiyawatt Srivaddhanaprabha, Leicester's vice-chairman and Vichai's son, flew to the United Kingdom from Thailand on Sunday. Leicestershire police pleaded for patience from the public as crash investigators took control of the site.

The Leicester City statement said a book of condolence, to be shared with the Srivaddhanaprabha family, would be opened from 8am on Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> October for supporters wishing to pay their respects. It continued: "Supporters unable to visit King Power Stadium that wish to leave a message can do so through an online book of condolence, which will be made available via lcfc.com in due course."

### Questions

#### **1. The helicopter crash happened...**

- a. an hour after taking off from the pitch of the stadium
- b. just a few minutes after leaving the pitch of the stadium**
- c. just a few minutes after the club drew to West Ham United
- d. an hour after taking off from the city

#### **2. Vichai's surname, Srivaddhanaprabha, ...**

- a. was conferred to him by a king of Thailand**
- b. was his family's surname
- c. was King Bhumibol's surname, too
- d. was bestowed on him by his father

#### **3. Vichai used to make use of his helicopter...**

- a. to travel to airports every time he wanted to fly to Thailand
- b. to leave matches than did not take place in Leicester
- c. to leave Leicester stadium after matches**
- d. to travel to other cities for away matches

#### **4. Aiyawatt Srivaddhanaprabha, Vichai's son, ...**

- a. was in Leicester when the crash occurred
- b. was away from the city the day of the accident**
- c. was flying to Thailand when the crash took place
- d. was flying to the United Kingdom when the accident happened