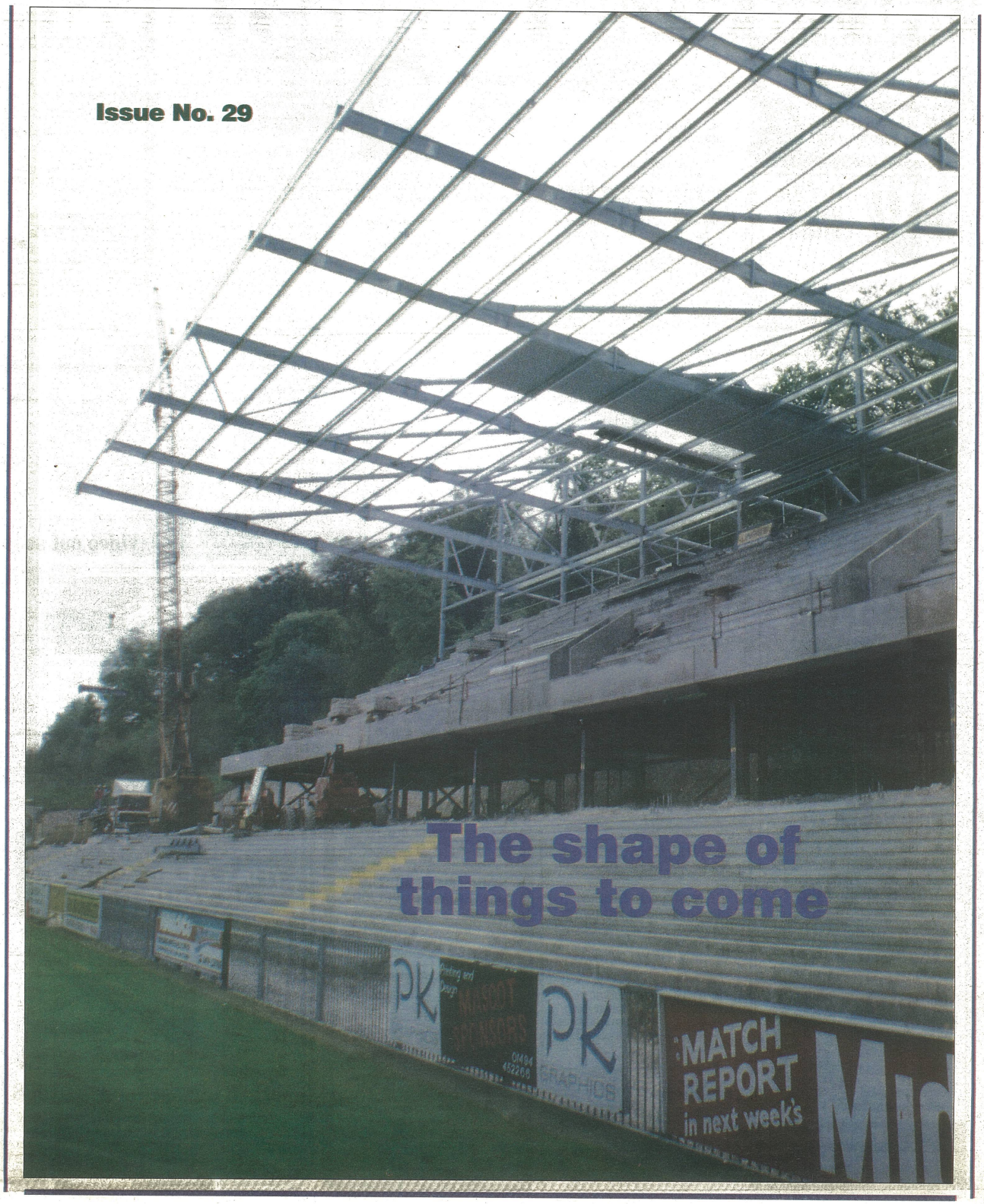
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Ticket prices spark interest

I HAVE been extremely encouraged by the terrific amount of interest and enthusiasm shown in the new Woodlands 5,000-seater Stand since the board of directors announced the prices for next season.

Although we finished 12th, just managing to finish in the top half of both Division Two and Teletext, the level of expectancy of many fans at the start of the season, when we went 15 games unbeaten in the league, was sadly not realised.

I am delighted, however, with the huge number of enquiries the commercial office has received about season tickets for the 1996/97 season. Admittedly, the majority of these are concerning the New Woodlands Stand with the 5,000 seats due for completion in August.

The price of children's season tickets has certainly eaught the imagination of many young people and parents alike. Existing junior season ticket holders under 16 on July 1, 1996, will be able to obtain a season ticket for 23 Division Two league matches for next season, whether they wish to stand or sit, for only £35.

New junior season ticket holders will only have to pay £35 to stand on the terraces in the AXA Equity & Law Stand or £40 to sit in the new Woodlands Stand lower tier family stand.



Commercial Break By Marketing Manager Mark Austin

All these above prices include £10 automatic membership of the Junior Blues Supporters Club, so the season ticket element is really only £25.

Considering a junior seat season ticket in the family stand last season was £115 and a junior terrace season ticket was at its cheapest at £59.95, the board of directors could not have invested more in attracting more families to Adams Park.

A pensioner turning up to sit and watch a Division Two match during 1995/96 paid £12, whereas in 1996/97, pensioners can sit in the 1,784 seater family stand for only £5, which is a staggering saving.

A pensioner paid £204 for his or her seat season ticket last season. Next season it will cost only £90, a saving of £114.

All junior season ticket holders can save between £68.50 and £80 on matchday entrance fees. The season ticket prices have basically been structured, so it is financially crazy not to buy a season ticket at Adams Park next season if you do plan to attend most of the league matches.

Details were sent out to 8,500 Wycombe Wanderers supporters this week, and this edition of The Blues News contains full details and an application form.

Moving onto the Woodlands Club, many have enquired why it costs £10 more than the Vere Suite Membership Club to join. This is because the price of £25 was set by the board of directors to reflect the exclusivity of this new club.

It will be available on a first-come, first-served basis to Woodlands Stand upper tier seat season ticket holders only.

Not only that, the Woodlands Club offers a view of the pitch, pre-match and post-match, although not at half time at present. It is an exclusive club for a maximum of 300 season ticket holders, who will have guaranteed entry.

It is unlike the Vere Suite membership, unchanged at £15, which does not guarantee entry, hence the £10 extra.

Season tickets will be available exclusively from the commercial office at Adams Park from 9.15am on Monday, June 3.

Existing 1995/96 season ticket holders will have until Friday, June 7, to have first refusal on the new Woodlands Stand. Existing season ticket holders, who cannot make it in person that week, can either telephone the credit card hotline on (01494) 441118, open Monday to Friday, 9.15am until 5.15pm, or if you are going to be away on holiday or business, send in a written application form, which will be dealt with from June 3 onwards.

However, from 9.15am on Monday, June 10, all remaining seat season tickets in the new stand will go on sale to anyone.

Having 5,000 seats in the new Woodlands Stand alone to sell, out of more than 7,300 seats, from next season onwards at Adams Park, there should be no problem of everybody, including younger children, getting a terrific position, a comfortable seat and an excellent view.

Skiverton seals Cup victory



Skiverton: A goal in each half

WYCOMBE Wanderers clinched the Doxhill President's Cup with a 2-0 win over Fulham at Craven Cottage earlier this month.

Terry Skiverton, who was signed on a free transfer from Chelsea three months ago, scored the two decisive goals, one in each half.

Blues also missed a hatful of chances. Miquel Desouza was thwarted by Lee Harrison after going one-on-one with the Fulham goalkeeper.

This is the second time that Wycombe have won the cup. The last triumph was in 1986/87.

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Pre-Season Friendlies (7.45pm ko)

Friday, July 26: Wycombe Wanderers v Queens Park Rangers; Tuesday, July 30: Wycombe Wanderers v Birmingham City; Saturday, August 3: Woking v Wycombe Wanderers (3pm ko); Tuesday, August 6: Wycombe Wanderers v Southampton; Friday, August 9: Wycombe Wanderers v Swindon Town; Tuesday, August 13: Slough Town v Wycombe Wanderers (Testimonial)

Video out soon

BLUES' 1995/96 compilation video Stand By The Blues will be out next month.

It will contain all the home and away league goals and a diary of the development of the new Woodlands Stand. There will also be goals, both home and away, in all the cup competitions, as well as interviews with chairman Ivor Beeks, manager Alan Smith, assistant manager Dave Kemp, youth team manager Neil Smillie and the players, plus a behind the scenes look at the club. It costs £14.99.

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Blues' youth system goes from strength to strength



Just in time: Martin Rowlands scores the winner for Blues' youth team in their 2-1 win over Swindon

WITH Wycombe Wanderers' youth training scheme now in the close season after it's first full-time year, the progression and development of the youngsters has exceeded everyone's expectations.

The department, which was set up last year by ex-Wycombe Wanderers and Arsenal player Steve Walford, has proved to be a great success.

Steve, who was to later move with Martin O'Neill to Norwich City and then on to Leicester City, did an excellent job in building the foundations for the department.

He scoured the south east for 16-year-old players who he thought had the potential to turn professional after two years' training. Ten were picked and offered two-year youth training contracts with a break clause after one year, allowing the club to release them if they thought they would not be able to make the standard needed.

Steve Walford moved to Norwich during last year's close season, and Alan Smith who was installed as the new Wanderers manager was quick to recruit Neil Smillie as youth team manager from Gillingham Football Club.

Neil has worked wonders in his first year at Adams Park and has even added three new older members to the squad of ten.

Two players, Damian Markman and Graham Hall, have been offered professional terms which means they are still under the guidance of the youth department for a final year.

This year, the youth team finished third in the South East Counties League Division Two, only being pushed out of second place by goal difference.

The eventual winners were Swindon Town. Blues beat the Division Two champions 2-1 at the Molins recreation ground, the winner being scored by Martin Rowlands direct from a corner in the last minute.

Neil summed up his first season in charge, saying: "I'm highly delighted with the overall season in terms of the league position. The boys have performed excellently and all the hard work put in over the season has paid dividends. The team's position has exceeded all my early-season expectations and some boys have been given a chance to become professional footballers. Two members of the team have progressed into the pro ranks which puts us ahead of ourselves for our five-year plan.

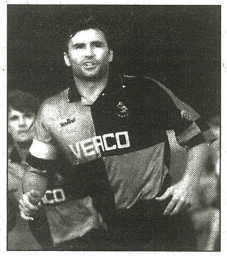
"We have had a good season, results-wise, but the main objective is to produce excellent footballers for the first team and play attractive football."

The record of Wycombe Wanderers' first two years in the South East Counties League Division Two.

Season	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
●Season 1994/95	28	2	3	23	24	92	7
Season 1995/96	30	17	4	9	54	39	38

●The Youth Team was run on a part-time basis during this season

We must pull together now



CAPTAIN'S LOG
By Terry Evans

IT was both annoying and disappointing to sign off the season with a loss.

I felt we did enough to take something from the game but once again we did not take opportunities when they were available and were duly punished.

Contrary to popular opinion, I was delighted to be asked to attend the Independent Supporters Club meeting with Alan Smith and three other players.

As I have said previously, players must take some responsibility for not producing performances and results on the pitch.

It only seems fair, therefore, that when members of the paying public make an effort to meet and voice their opinions that the players, and not just the manager, are there to respond.

It was good to see the place packed with people who genuinely care about the club. I know that we can never satisfy every person with every answer but I did feel that it was a good meeting with some positive responses.

Wycombe Wanderers want to improve and progress and nobody else wants this more than myself but if it were so easy to continue to rise through the divisions, many other clubs would have done so.

To me, the biggest point to emerge from the season was that if the club, players, supporters and management team pull together, we have a much better chance of future success, which is something we all want.

Next season we will of course not be playing Swindon and Oxford.

But just to make things a little harder, Luton, Watford and Millwall will expect to bounce straight back, together with Gillingham and Preston, who will also not be there to make up the numbers.

We must try even harder to produce good performances, especially against the new sides to the division.

All of them are larger than ourselves with their supporters looking for nothing other than success.

A few months ago, Mary Griffiths from Wycombe High School asked if it would be possible for myself and two other players to enter a team in their version of a Question of Sport against a team of teachers and pupils. After speaking with Matt Crossley and Keith Ryan, it was decided that this was not an opportunity we could miss.

Needless to say, our competitive instinct and sense of pride made sure that even though we were there to enjoy ourselves, we did not want to lose.

I admit not remembering the final score but can confirm that we did not finish behind anybody in what was a thoroughly enjoyable afternoon.

I know that supporters may feel that we have a long break in the close season but it is a good time to let nagging injuries clear up by allowing our bodies to rest.

I will keep in contact with a lot of the lads during the break.

Dave Carroll and his wife Debbie will be christening their new baby soon which will be a good opportunity for a get together without the thought of training the next day.

The Wycombe Rotary Club have asked if myself and a few other lads will put together a team for a sponsored bike ride through the Chilterns during the summer. There will be other events which I will try to keep you informed through this article.

Finally, I would like to thank you on behalf of myself and the lads for your continued support.

I know things have not gone as all of us would have wanted but you can be rest assured that we will be doing everything possible to make sure you have plenty to cheer about come August.

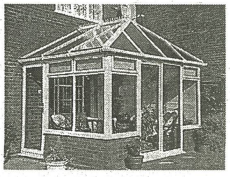
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No persons or body are permitted by law from using either of these registered trade markes on any produces without first obtaining written permission from Wycombe Wanderers Football Club and/or an official licence.

The club have spent considerable time and money registering 'Wycombe Wanderers' and the official club crest to ensure the long-term exclusivity and identity of the club.

No other persons or body can lawfully produce merchandise for sale which incorporates either of these registered trade marks.

This prevents 'pirates' riding on the back of any future success of the club. If produces are illicitly produced, the trading standards officers have powers to confiscate and destroy all unofficial merchandise on sale, compensate mark owners, as well as heavily fine offenders.

The club are fortunate to be advised by a European patent solicitor who represents them in this specialist area.

Registering the name of Wycombe Wanderers and the club crest also financially protects the club from any party who has not sought permission to use the marks, thereby securing two key assets of the club and ensuring all funds raised from the use of these goes into improving both the facilities at Adams Park and the playing staff for its supporters.

To protect its interests, the club will therefore take steps, including legal action if necessary) against any persons or body who do not seek written permission and/or a licence before using the registered trade marks of Wycombe Wanderers' and the official club crest.

Part-time staff needed

WYCOMBE Wanderers need part-time matchday staff.

There are vacancies for safety stewards, turnstile operators, ticket office cashiers and other positions in the bars, restaurants, kitchen and tea bars to help at Saturday afternoon and mid-week evening matches, usually Tuesdays, throughout the football season.

Wycombe's next match is on July 26.

Tea bar staff must be at least 16 years old. All other staff must be at least 18 years old.

Rates of pay vary between £3.50 and £4.50 per hour, depending on the role and responsibilities involved. Full training will be given.

Some jobs continue during the match. Others finish shortly after kick-off, in which case you will be given free access to watch the game if you wish.

Both football supporters and those with no interest in the game are most welcome to apply.

Please call in at the commercial office or telephone for an application form.

The address is: Wycombe Wanderers Football Club Ltd, Adams Park, Hillbottom Road, High Wycombe, Bucks HP12 4HJ. Telephone: (01494) 472100.



Goodbye: Fans fill the Evans Halshaw Stand for the last time for the 1-1 draw against Rotherham on Tuesday, April 16



Base camp: Linpave Construction set up their site headquarters



Overview: Site manager John Harvey surveys the site with a colleague from Linpave



Chalk convoy: Lorries take away half a hillside

Wycombe Wanderers' new all-seater stand begins to take shape at Adams Park



Topless: The old Woodlands Terrace roof is removed and the stand closed for Wycombe's remaining two games of the season



Something's happening: Linpave complete the concrete foundations for the stand's steel framework



This bit's done: The first three bays are put up



Framework: The skeletal shape of the new stand gives a glimpse of what is to come

Graham makes a good start



Congratulations: Graham Hall is presented with his award

GRAHAM Hall is Wycombe Wanderers' youth team player of the season.

Graham was selected for the award, which is sponsored by Verco Office Furniture Ltd, by youth team manager Neil Smillie.

He was presented with his award by Derick Vere, the joint managing director of Verco Office Furniture Ltd, at Adams Park before Blues' 4-0 win over Carlisle United on Saturday, April 27.

Hall plays at centre back in the Wycombe Wanderers youth team who play in Division Two of the South-East Counties League and is a regular in the reserves. Graham made his debut first team appearance in Wycombe Wanderers' home match against Swansea City on Saturday, April 20. Graham will be with us until the end of next season.

Our grateful thanks to Verco Office Furniture Ltd for their highly valued sponsorship of the youth team during the last two seasons. The club would also like to congratulate Graham on becoming the first ever youth team player of the season.

Wanderers season tickets to go on sale next week

WYCOMBE Wanderers' season tickets for the new 5,000 seater Woodlands Stand, the Main Stand, and the AXA Equity & Law Stand for the 1996/97 season go on sale at 9.15am on Monday.

With a new computerised ticketing system, any Blues supporter can buy a specific seat in either of the two seated home stands for the whole season.

All existing season ticket holders, for season 1995/96, will have priority for the first week, up until June 10, to purchase a seat in the new Woodlands Stand.

All existing Main Stand season ticket holders have until June 17 to renew their seats in that particular stand.

Leading up to and during the first week of season ticket sales, Wycombe are accepting payment on seats from non-existing season ticket holders who can state their preference of seat and block in both the Main Stand and the new Woodlands Stand.

But this will not be guaranteed as the applications will not be processed until June 10.

Season tickets for the AXA Equity & Law Stand terrace are on sale now to the general public.

Season tickets will be sent out during the week commencing June 3.

Season tickets can be purchased from the commercial office at Adams Park between 9.15am and 5.15pm, from Monday to Friday.

The commercial office is staying open until 7pm on Tuesday, June 4 for extra convenience.

Season tickets can also be purchased from June 3 on the credit card hotline (01494) 441118 or at Wanderers In Town which is opposite Littlewoods in the Octagon Shopping Centre.

The shop is open Monday to Saturday, between 9am and 5.30pm.

Applications are also being accepted by post, which must be sent to the Commercial Offices at Adams Park. The season tickets will be sent out by post.

Stalwart midfielder is the fans' player of the year

Dave's the top man



You're the greatest: Steve Redfern gives Dave Carroll his prize

DAVE Carroll was the winner of the Bucks Free Press supporters' player of the season award for 1995/96.

The club would like to congratulate Dave who has been Blues' most consistent performer this season, having been the only ever-present by not missing one single match.

Of the current squad, Carroll is Wycombe's all-time leading goal scorer and has made 390 appearances to date for Blues.

The midfielder was presented with a bottle of Laurent Perrier Brut Champagne and the Bucks Free Press Supporters Player of the Year Award by Bucks Free Press reader Steve Redfern before Blues' last home match of the season against now-relegated Carlisle United.

Left winger turned left back Mickey Bell finished in second place and defender Terry Howard was third.

The club would like to thank all of the Bucks Free Press readers who entered the competition, and indeed the Bucks Free Press.



Runner-up: Mickey Bell



Third place: Terry Howard

We start them young

THE Junior Blues Supporters' Club is offering benefits for children over five and under 16 as of June 1, 1996.

They are as follows:

- ●second priority booking for ALL home league, cup and friendly matches. Junior terrace and seat season ticket holders are entitled to first priority booking only;
- ●ten per cent off first adult terrace or adult seat season ticket on reaching 16 (as long as the individual has been a Junior Blues Supporters Club member for at least the whole of the previous season;
- ●Adams Park guided tour for members;
- ●FREE annual Blues event attended by the team manager and players;
- ●exclusive junior blues membership card;
- ●FREE entry to ALL Capital League and ALL youth team league matches at Adams Park;
- ●FREE membership of the Official Wycombe Wanderers Supporters Association;
- ●matchday mascot packages exclusive to the Junior Blues Supporters Club;
- ●annual birthday message from Wycombe Wanderers FC;
- ●FREE membership of the Blues Travel Club.

Annual membership costs £10.

Membership benefits for the Baby Blues Supporters Club, for children under five years of age on June 1, are as follows:

- ●Baby Blues membership card, Certificate of Honour from Alan Smith, stickers and baby bib which says 'I dribble better than Wycombe Wanderers' or a printed scarf which says 'The Blues';
- ●twenty five per cent off first Junior Blues Supporters Club membership fee on turning five;
- ●Annual birthday card from Wycombe Wanderers;
- ●FREE entry to ALL matches at Adams Park;
- ●Birthday will be mentioned in matchday programme each year.

Membership costs £10. This covers the Baby Blues membership from birth until five years old, or any part thereof.

Application Form

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Disabled persons in Wheelchairs can purchase tickets for the same specially reduced price as O.A.P.'s in the Family Stand. Disabled helpers simply pay either the Adult, O.A.P., Student or Junior rate in the Woodlands Lower Tier Family Stand. There are five seats for the Blind in the Mainstand with a loop system and live commentary. These are priced the same as disabled.

NO REFUNDS:

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SEASON TICKET APPLICATION FORM

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NEW APPLICANT: Choice of location (see stadium plan)

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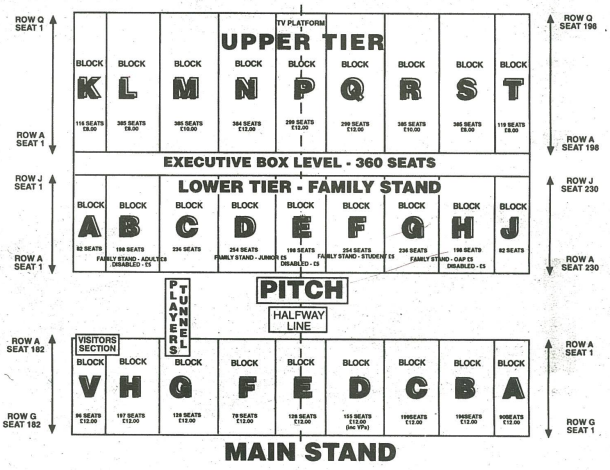
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1996 / 97 SEATING PLAN
NEW WOODLANDS STAND



MAIN STAND

The Board of Directors of Wycombe Wanderers Football Club is pleased to announce the admission and season ticket prices for League Division Two matches next season. A full list of 1996/97 prices is printed below:

	Matchday Entrance Prices	Standard Season Tickets From 1st July 96	Early Booking Season Tickets before 1st July 96	Existing Terrace Season Ticket Super Season Tickets before 1st July 96
MAIN STAND - SEATS BLOCKS A-G (HOME ONLY)				
Adults	£12	£240	£228*	n/a
OAP, Students & Children	£12	£216	£204*	n/a
VPs	£21.50	n/a	£494.50*	n/a
BLOCK H & V (AWAY ONLY)				
Adults	£12	n/a	n/a	n/a
OAP, Students & Children	£12	n/a	n/a	n/a
NEW WOODLANDS STAND (UPPER TIER) - SEATS N, P & Q				
Adults	£12	£240	£228	£216
OAP, Students & Children	£12	£216	£204	£192
BLOCKS M & R				
Adults	£10	£200	£190	£180
OAP, Students & Children	£10	£180	£170	£160
BLOCKS K,L,S, & T				
Adults	£8	£160	£152	£144
OAP, Students & Children	£8	£144	£136	£128
NEW WOODLANDS FAMILY STAND (LOWER TIER) - SEATS - THE FAMILY STAND IS NO SMOKING				
Adults	£8	£160	£152	£144
OAP, Students & Disabled	£5	£100	£95	£90
Children	£5	£45	£40	£35
AXA EQUITY & LAW STAND - TERRACE				
Adults	£7	£140	£133	n/a
OAP	£4.50	£90	£85.50	n/a
Students	£4.50	£90	£85.50	n/a
Children	£4.50	£40	£35	n/a
AMERSHAM & WYCOMBE COLLEGE STAND - SEATS (AWAY FANS ONLY)				
Adults	£10			
OAP, Students & Children	£5			

* Existing Main Stand Season Ticket holder's seats will be reserved until the 17th of June, 1996. Any seat not renewed by this deadline will go on general sale. All children's season ticket prices include FREE MEMBERSHIP of the Official Junior Blues Supporters Club.

MAINSTAND SEATS BLOCKS H & V:
Blocks H & V may be required for visiting supporters, therefore no season tickets will be sold in either of these blocks of seats. Block H will not be put on sale until Block V has been sold out.

EXISTING SEAT SEASON TICKET HOLDER:
Existing Mainstand Seat Season Ticket Holders have until 17th June 1996 to reserve (i.e. purchase) their existing seat. After this deadline all seats not renewed will be put on general sale. Block H Seat Season Ticket Holders will be given priority relocating.

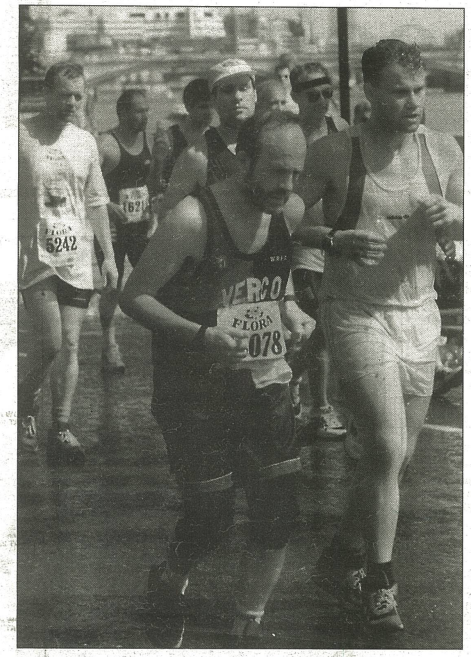
SPECIAL REVISED SEASON TICKET DISCOUNTS FOR LEAGUELINE MEMBERS:
All existing Leagueline Members (or new Leagueline Members who pay 6 months subscription in advance) are entitled to a FREE Child's Terrace Season Ticket **OR** a FREE Child's Family Stand Seat Season Ticket (as long as purchased with an Adult Family Stand Seat Season Ticket) **OR** a £15 discount on an Adult or O.A.P. Season Ticket.

REVISED CLUBSHOP DISCOUNTS:
All Season Ticket Holders and Leagueline Members will be entitled to a discount of 5% in either Wanderers in Town or in the Cornerflag Clubshop, Season Ticket Holders or Leagueline Members who are also Official Wycombe Wanderers Supporters Association Members in 1996/97 qualify for an additional 5% discount.

VERE SUITE MEMBERSHIP
Season Ticket Holders will be given a 20% discount and priority for the 1996/97 season. Cost of Vere Suite Membership remains at £15. Entry is not guaranteed when Vere Suite full, as in previous seasons Members will be allowed entry on a one in, one out basis. Official Wycombe Wanderers Supporters Association Members who are also Season Ticket Holders will receive an additional 10% discount off the £15 fee.

WOODLAND CLUB MEMBERSHIP
Exclusive to New Woodlands Stand Upper Tier Season Ticket Holders. Will be sold on a first come, first served basis. Entry is guaranteed, as the Woodlands Club Membership (with view of the pitch) will be limited to approximately 300 seat season ticket holders. Official Wycombe Wanderers Supporters Association Members who are also Upper Tier Seat Season Ticket Holders will receive a 10% discount off the £25 Membership fee.

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Nearly there: Derek Vere grits his teeth at the 24-mile mark

Derek runs with pride for Blues in marathon

WYCOMBE Wanderers' very own deadly Derek raised money for charity in the Flora London Marathon.

Derek Vere, the joint managing director of Verco Office Furniture Limited, Wycombe Wanderers' official team sponsors, took part in the Football Challenge where each professional football club in England and Scotland nominates a runner to represent them wearing the team's colours.

Congratulate

On the day, he raised around £9,000 for his chosen charity which was the Buckinghamshire Association of Youth Clubs.

Wycombe Wanderers would like to congratulate Derek on his running and fundraising achievements.

Derek, who has now completed seven marathons, completed the 26-mile course in four hours 53 minutes.

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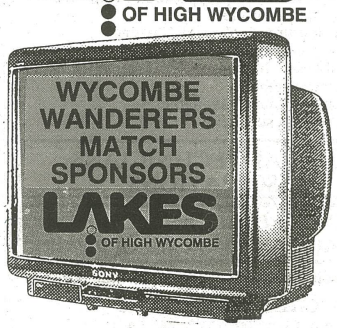
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The same applies to the issue of season tickets and, even more importantly, the benefits attached to season ticket holders, such as priority for cup and all-ticket away games.

While we managed to operate a manual system in the past, we could not do justice to the expectations of you, our customers, with the new stand.

We intend developing our Synchro system to give you the ease of purchasing tickets that many of you experience at the UCI Wycombe 6 cinema.

THE BIG BANG
By Financial Controller Charles Colton

As part of this project we are creating two ticket offices for selling tickets straight off the computer on match days. There will be one ticket office at each end of the ground and each will have four ticket windows.

Ticket office one will be by the Corner Flag Shop. One window will service the main stand. There will be one for the Woodlands Family Stand, one for a third of the Woodlands Upper Stand and the fourth as a collection point for pre-booked tickets.

Ticket office two will be at the opposite end of the main stand, near the programme shop. Two windows will sell tickets for the AXA Equity & Law terrace and two for the remainder of the Woodlands Upper Stand.

To buy tickets in advance, a terminal will be installed in Wanderers In Town in the Octagon Shopping Centre before the start of the new season. Tickets can be bought for all areas of the stadium, not just the terraces as has been possible in the past.

And, if there is the demand, we will also open a ticket office at Adams Park one evening a week throughout the season.

If you buy your season ticket in person at Adams Park you will be able to see the system in operation as the first terminals have just been installed. Of course, if you buy a season ticket, you will then not have to choose between booking in advance for each match or arriving early to avoid the ticket office queue.

Finally, do not forget that there is no credit card booking fee on match tickets purchased with a Wycombe Wanderers MBNA Visa card. The card is free and the interest rate is competitive.

Application forms are available at Adams Park.

Join on who wants to be our gang

THE Official Wycombe Wanderers Supporters Association have negotiated improved additional benefits for members next season.

These are in addition to those for season ticket holders or Leagueline members and mean a further 10 per cent discount on your Vere Suite or Woodlands Club subscription and an additional five per cent discount at the club shop and Wanderers in Town.

The official Blues club have now also taken over the administration and running of the Blues Travel Club, which is free to Blues Club members.

The club also provide a programme of social events throughout the season and you get the opportunity to air your views in meetings with representatives of the club.

Membership fees will be reduced next season. You can pick up a form at Wanderers in Town, the Commercial Office at Adams Park, or from any committee member.

Membership entitles you to:

- additional 10 per cent discount on Vere Suite/Woodlands Club membership
- additional five per cent discount at the club shop
- free membership of the Blues Travel Club if you are also a season ticket holder or a Leagueline Member.

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8 THE BLUES NEWS

Blues book is a labour of love

LIFELONG Wycombe Wanderers supporters Dave Finch and Steve Peart will be releasing a comprehensive history book of the club's past in the autumn.

The Wanderers programme contributors have been working on this project for the last three years.

The book, which will be published in conjunction with Harefield-based Yore Publications, will be in hardback format and will contain 256 pages which will include sections detailing match statistics dating back to Wycombe's first recognised match in 1887 with dates, opponents, results and goalscorers – where known.

There will also be final league tables for every season from 1896, attendances where known, every team line-up from the 1963/64 to 1995/96 season and details on all the major cup competitions, including the FA, FA Amateur and Berks and Bucks Senior Cup. There will be an abbreviated Who's Who section, with lists of every player from 1963, and additional information of those players who have appeared in the Football League.

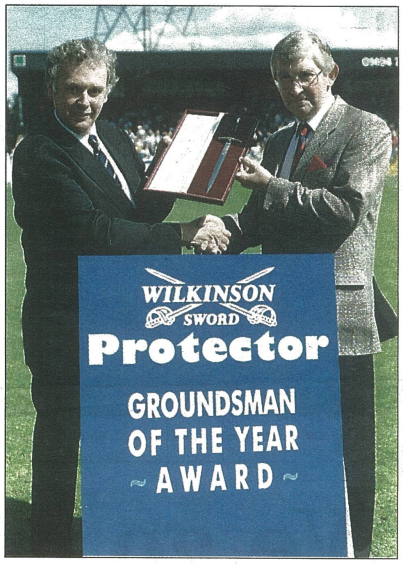
It will also contain a written history of the club, from the beginning to the end of the 1995/96 season, supplemented with relevant illustrations.

Additional chapters include features on the matchday programmes over the years, personalities associated with the club, Loakes Park, and 'memorable matches'.

The book costs £16.95. For advanced paid orders, call into Wanderers In Town in the Octagon Shopping Centre or contact Tim Arnold or Tom Cook at the club on (01494) 472100.

Advanced subscribers will have their names printed in the book at no extra cost.

The advanced subscribers list will be printed in the back of the book.



Great Gardner: Jim (left) collects his award from Wilkinson Sword's Bill Scholes

Blues' top Gardener

WYCOMBE Wanderers head groundsman Jim Gardner is top of the turf after being named the Wilkinson Sword Groundsman of the Year in Division Two.

The pristine Adams Park pitch was selected from an analysis of referees marks during the season, away club's nominations and inspections by Dr Steve Baker of the Sports Turf Research Institute.

Wilkinson Sword, whose head offices are in High Wycombe, presented Jim with a small ceremonial sword before the last home match of the 1995/96 season against Carlisle.

Wycombe would like to thank Wilkinson Sword for their sponsorship of this award. The club acknowledge Jim's fantastic achievement and are proud to have such a dedicated and experienced head groundsman.

Carroll sweeps up awards



Dave Carroll (left) and Roger Vere

DAVE Carroll won the Supporters' Player of the Month for April.

The midfielder has been one of the Blues' most consistent performers this season with a 100 per cent appearance record. He was presented with his award by Roger Vere, joint managing director of Verco Office Furniture Ltd who are Wycombe's official club and youth team sponsors.

■Maurice Harkin won the youth team player of the month award for April.

Players lose their shirts



Hi there: Alan Smith meets his sponsors

ALL of the 1995/96 season's shirt sponsors were presented with the football shirt their sponsored player had worn throughout the season after the last game of the season.

It gave them the opportunity to meet their sponsored player face to face. They also received a signed football and a current season squad photograph. Pictures were also taken and sent on to each sponsor. The picture above shows Alan Smith presenting a signed Wycombe Wanderers football and Alan's matchday tracksuit top to his sponsors Harry (middle) and James Sumner (right).

If anyone would like more information or a chance to Mark Your Man for the 1996/97 season, they can contact Tim Arnold on (01494) 472100.

