

'Yes, we were there' admits Blues fan in Cup scuffle

A CLAIM that football fans did not share responsibility for the terrace trouble which marred Wycombe Wanderers' FA Cup match on Saturday, October 27, has been refuted by one of the lads involved.

Scuffles broke out at Loakes Park after the visiting team — Burton Albion — took the lead in the 71st minute of a fiery 4th qualifying round tie.

The referee held up play for six minutes while youngsters who had spilled onto the pitch were cleared off, and there were further clashes outside the ground when the match ended.

Afterwards Blues chairman Brian Lee pinned the blame on "trouble-makers." He insisted: "They were not Wycombe or Burton fans."

But 21-year-old Chris

By Nick Shrimpton

Morris told Midweek this week that he and the rest of the local mob, which charged the large Derbyshire contingent, are staunch Wanderers supporters.

"I have been watching Wycombe for as long as I can remember," said unemployed Morris. "I spend every penny I have to go and see them at home and away."

The spikey-haired youth explained the fans' action was prompted by the behaviour of Burton's coloured goalscorer, Jimmy Kabia, and frustration at Wanderers' "poor" performance.

"It's the worst team Wycombe have had for 10 years," he moaned.

Some might concede that this is a lame excuse for violence, but Mr Lee conceded that Kabia's over zealous gesticulating to the

crowd after his goal did not help the situation.

Morris said of the incident: "We had been giving Kabia a bit of friendly stick and he was pulling faces back. Then when he scored he came running over to us.

"The Burton fans were jumping up and down and so we decided to chase them.

"There were a few fist-cuffs but I think the whole thing has been blown out of all proportion."

He added: "I don't regret what I did because the FA Cup means a lot to me. It's like your birthday, it only happens once a year."

Wycombe scored a late equaliser to force a replay on Wednesday night and Morris took the advice of Burton manager Neil Warnock who said Wycombe fans should stay away from that match to avoid a repeat of the disturbances.

"I think they'd know my face," grinned Morris.