

OUR FIRE WORRY

WYCOMBE Wanderers ground may be investigated by fire chiefs following the Bradford City disaster.

Club secretary John Goldsworthy said this week they had always been aware of the possible risks with their wooden stand at Loakes Park.

"Our stand is obviously much smaller than Bradford's and all the entrances are from the front and people could easily get out on to the pitch," said Mr Goldsworthy.

"But obviously we are always concerned with a wooden stand. Worthing's stand was burnt down recently and Chesham's went up in flames the other year.

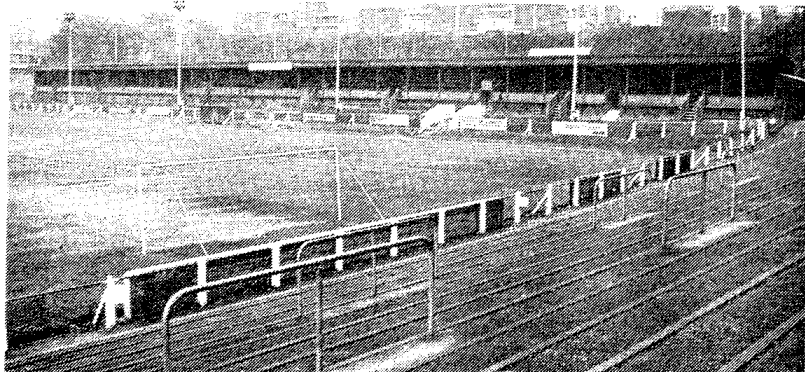
"I have been on other non-league football grounds where it could happen.

Soccer's minnows face probe

"Obviously if the local authority or the fire brigade had something to say about our stand we would take their advice.

"The stand is between 60 and 70 years old."

Mr David Richards, assistant fire prevention officer with Bucks Fire Brigade, said: "We may be writing to non-league clubs in the



ANCIENT: The Loakes Park grandstand

area asking if they would like us to inspect their grounds.

"Any wooden stands are obviously a potential fire risk but it is very important to have good access to and from stands.

"I think clubs in this area have been aware of the possible problems since Chesham

United lost their stand to fire a couple of years back.

● A Chilterns judge has begun an inquiry into the tragic events at Bradford City's Valley Parade ground.

Mr Justice Popplewell, 57, from Chartridge near Chesham, has already visited the scene of the tragedy.

LION ROARS

THE Red Lion pub in Amersham has won the Benskins & Chesham pool league championship. They will pick up the trophy at a presentation night in the Polish Club, Amersham, next Saturday.