

A trip to York on January 4 but . .

NO BIG CASH BONANZA

*Bence
curses
'cruel'
draw*

by **JIM McCANN**

TRIUMPHANT Wycombe boss Paul Bence was left dreaming of what might have been after his heroic Blue Brigade has missed out on a cash bonanza in the FA Cup third round draw.

A long, and far from lucrative, trip to York City was their reward for reaching this stage for only the second time with victory over Chelmsford at Loakes Park on Saturday.

"Obviously you can dream of getting Manchester United, Liverpool, Arsenal, Tottenham or some other big name," admitted the Wycombe manager.

"We all wanted one of those because it would give the club a chance of making some real money and it would give the players a day to remember for the rest of their lives."

Bence guessed that a trip to Anfield or Old Trafford would have netted the club around £20,000.

The arduous journey to York will bring in only a fraction of that.

Wycombe, as a non-league club, will get a half share of the gate with York and the FA sharing the rest.

But Bence was anxious to emphasise what a great feat it was for the club to reach the third round.

"It's equalled a previous achievement and all credit must go to the players, my assistant manager and all the officials and backroom staff," stated the boss.

"Naturally we didn't want York but it's not a forgone conclusion that they will beat us.

"If we get it right again on the day I see no reason why we can't at least get them back to Loakes Park."

That would mean a return to Wycombe for former Blues star Viv Busby, who is coach at York.

He spent a few years at Loakes Park when Brian Lee was boss and his family still live in the town.

York, who knocked out Arsenal last season, defeated non league Whitby Town 3-1 in the second round in front of over 6,000 fans.

Boss Bence felt Wycombe's win was achieved without the side playing at their best.

"We didn't play as we can but our commitment was first class," said the manager.

"We defended really well and scored at the right times.

"We had done our homework on them and we got it right. That was very satisfying."

Goal hero Simon Read summed up the reaction of the players to the draw.

"Like everyone else I'm disappointed," he said.

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