

JUST FAN-TASTIC

WYCOMBE captain Anton Vircavs led a chorus of praise for Blues' magnificent 1,000 supporters who gave their side such enthusiastic backing on Saturday at York.

"They were marvellous," complimented Vircavs. "It was a proud feeling running out on to the pitch and every player appreciates their efforts.

"All the glory of the FA Cup is over now but we are hungry to do well in the Trophy for the fans' sake."

The Blues army made the 400-mile round trip by train, coach and car to cheer on their favourites.

And their vocal support also won a tribute from Wycombe chairman Brian Lee.

"The supporters were magnificent," he enthused.

"It was a very sad sight to see our genuine supporters penned in at one end of the ground and segregated from York fans.

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"It was almost an insult to them having travelled 280 miles by train.

"It is so sad that the true football fans have to suffer like this because of the mindless few who spoil games.

"Wycombe supporters would have appreciated time to wander around York before the match because it is a lovely place.

"Instead they arrived at 2pm and were marched straight to the ground and then straight back to the station. But unfortunately that's the face of football today.

Manager Paul Bence also thanked the Wycombe faithful for their superb backing.

"The support was super," he said.

"Their support helped make it a proud day for the players and myself.

"Although the conditions didn't allow us to play our normal game I think we did ourselves proud.

"You can't put the goals down to the conditions, however — they were both defensive errors.

"But when you withstand as much pressure as we did you are bound to make mistakes."

Bence admitted he was surprised that Bob Dell's second half effort was ruled out for offside.

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Blochel were offside when they put the ball in the net but I couldn't see why Dell's goal was disallowed."

Bence also confessed he was disappointed with the performance of some Wycombe players.

"There were one or two who didn't play to their full potential.

"It required all of us to play out of our skins to get a result.

Captain Vircavs' big FA Cup regret from Saturday was that the Blues players did not give their support more to cheer.

"We would rather have lost by four of five goals knowing we had given it our best shot," he admitted.

"That was not our best shot.

"Because of the hard, slippery surface we couldn't perform as we would have liked.

"It was too dangerous throwing the ball to the full-backs so keeper Gary Lester had to clear with long kicks.

"York were so good in the air that the ball just kept coming straight back at us.

It was frustrating that we couldn't play the ball along the ground as we normally do.

"We might not have beaten York in normal conditions but at least we would have done ourselves justice."