

Supporters were conned

Sports post bag

WITH regards to Wycombe Wanderers recent match against Marlow.

I feel that the Wycombe supporters in this case were the subjects of nothing short of a con.

Leaving aside the over-reaction of Jim Kelmon of playing an entire Youth/Reserve team in a first team fixture the club are probably guilty of a breach of the Trades Description Act!

In the 10 days prior to the same the club was actually encouraging its supporters to buy tickets in advance for the game whilst never disclosing its obviously premeditated intention of fielding such a side.

The first hint that such a thing was going to happen was in the Mid-Week just two days before the same but even that article left one with the impression that the club

would merely rest four or five first-teamers as they did against Winslow.

If the club had stated its intentions clearly at least seven days before the same then the public would have had a choice. I personally would have not wasted my time and money and would have stayed at home as the result would have been inevitable in my eyes. Indeed fielding such a side was tantamount to throwing the game.

I am well aware that the club is chasing major honours but feel that this shabby episode does them no credit.

I have asked the club to donate my £2 admission money for that game to a Charity of their choice rather than ask for a refund. - **Name and address notified.**

No excuse

WE all are aware that Wycombe Wanderers have an outside chance of winning the Conference and will be involved in a Trophy cup tie on Saturday, February 25 but is this any excuse for fielding a team of "unknowns" against Marlow in the Berks and Bucks cup last night?

I consider the action of the Wanderers management was a gross insult to Marlow Football Club and their supporters, the Berks and Bucks FA and more especially the Wanderers supporters who visited Marlow and paid £2.50 for entrance and 50p for a programme which did not even name some of the players who turned out. The only winners were the Marlow team who tasted a rare, if hollow 5-0 victory and the Marlow finances.

I hope that the Berks and Bucks FA have provision to heavily fine Wycombe Wanderers for fielding such a weakened team and that some form of apology is given to the 1000 spectators who turned up to support two senior non league clubs not one and a team that would have difficulty in winning a park match. - Jack F Burslem, Downley, High Wycombe.

Stop these hooligans

I have been a soccer fan for as long as I can remember without a particular affinity to any single club, however having settled in High Wycombe after 20 years in the services I have become a committed "Blues Fan".

Like the rest of the Loakes Park legions I am enjoying our current run of good results and am hopeful of some tangible success, maybe even promotion to the football league by the end of the season.

Having watched a particularly enjoyable match against Kidderminster, I, like many genuine fans was disturbed by incidents in the crowd caused by some mindless half wits who saw fit to detract from an enjoyable afternoon's entertainment by indulging in pathetic acts of gratuitous violence in the sadly mistaken belief that they were making a name for themselves in front of a large audience.

Yes 'High Wycombe', don't let's 'bury our heads in the sand' we are not immune to the sickening malaise of our national sport.

The government's controversial proposal to introduce a membership scheme has its critics, and I have to admit that my initial reaction was one of resentment. Why should I have to obtain a card to enable me to attend a football match? Why

should the clubs have the expense and difficulty involved in administering the system? Why change? After all I am quite happy to attend and stay well clear of the louts and trouble makers who, let's face it, are easily identifiable.

Eject

The thought then occurred to me - what is the point of wringing our hands and wondering how to solve the problem of hooliganism in football? Let's start thinking positively, look seriously at the feasibility of setting up a membership scheme, and do it now, issue cards, then at a given time (no cards no entry) when we do have incidents as we did last Saturday let's withdraw those cards from the morons we eject from the grounds.

We won't stop the trouble at a stroke and there will be difficulties initially especially for our 'long suffering police', but withdrawal of those cards from those pathetic little Rambos will prevent them entering the ground with the express purpose of causing mayhem, and maybe then ordinary decent people can enjoy watching a football match in peace.

Introduction of this scheme won't be easy, nothing worthwhile ever is, but at least it is a positive attempt to eradicate this pestilence from our national sport once and for all. - **R T Wishart, Lancaster Road, High Wycombe.**