

Blue move prompts a football strip

STREAKER Keith Barrett gave Loakes Park a hilarious send-off on Monday when he managed to upstage even the legendary George Best.

The cheeky 26-year-old bricklayer received a bigger cheer than the famous Irishman as a Bank Holiday crowd of 3,950 came to say goodbye to Wycombe Wanderers' famous home.

Dressed only in a black baseball cap, Keith put his arm around George, did a cartwheel, and then was escorted off the pitch by two rather bemused policewomen.

He also managed to raise £120 through sponsorship for his efforts which he will be donating to a local children's charity.

Keith, who lives in High Wycombe, told the Star: "Some of my mates were getting a little bit bored at half time, so I suggested I might do a streak. They didn't believe me, so I bet them all £10 that I would.

"As soon as I was over that fence in the second half, I knew I couldn't turn back, so I thought I might as well enjoy it.

"I shook hands with George Best because he is one of my all time heroes. He gave me a funny look at first, then smiled broadly. All the other players reacted in much the same way.

"When the policewomen came up, one said that I had had my fun and to get back onto the terraces. The other one couldn't stop laughing, and nor could my mates.

"I've done some crazy things in my time, but nothing quite tops this. I had a mate who streaked at the Aylesbury-England game a couple of years ago, and I suppose that gave me the idea."

Keith has been visiting Loakes Park since 1973, so it was quite a nostalgic day in many ways, too.

He said: "I felt I had to do something, but no-one expected me to go as far as I did!"



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