

Blues miss out on points

ON a day when Kettering drew and Barnet lost, Wycombe Wanderers infuriated their fans by drawing 0-0 with Macclesfield and failing to claw back some points.

As close rivals Altrincham hammered nine goals past Merthyr, Adams Park was as bereft of goals as it was of decent football. The game was tedious and the Wycombe team unimpressive, rarely even threatening the Macclesfield goal.

And with 43 minutes gone, tragedy struck. Creaser collided with Macclesfield's John Askey while clearing the ball and was unbelievably given his marching orders.

The ground erupted and the voiced anger from the stands was deafening. The decision was as unjust as the collision was accidental.

The second half was a near carbon copy of the first, with the referee steadily losing control. Only Steve Guppy showed any promise, and even his forging runs could not provide anything.

Overall, it was a mediocre performance from the Blues on a day when the chance was clearly there to close the gap between themselves and the league leaders.

●Wycombe's chances of winning the Conference all but died on Tuesday night with a 2-1 defeat at struggling Stafford Rangers.

Wanderers were always below par, clearly missing injured midfielders Gary Smith and Dave Carroll.

Wycombe were put under the cosh straight from the start, with Paul Deblin giving Stafford the lead after just ten minutes.

Mick Nuttall pulled Blues level in the second-half, but a tremendous volley by Mike Tuohy soon put the home side back in front.

Defeat was no more than Wycombe deserved and, after the weekend's draw with Macclesfield, the chances of catching faltering leaders Kettering now look very remote indeed.