

WYCOMBE Wanderers were given a heroes' welcome by thousands of fans when they made their triumphant return home with the FA Trophy on Sunday.

More than 3,000 fans crammed into the centre of High Wycombe to pay tribute to the team that beat Kidderminster Harriers 2-1 to win the Trophy for the first time.

Hundreds more cheered as players paraded the trophy from an open-topped bus around the town.

The day before, more than 25,000 Wanderers' fans, among a record crowd of 34,842, saw a pulsating Wembley final. Keith Scott put Wycombe in front after 16 minutes as the Blues dominated the early stages.

Kidderminster equalised after 60 minutes, but four minutes later High Wycombe-born Mark West won the Trophy with a spectacular diving header.

Now the club is reaping the benefits of victory. The Trophy run has earned Wanderers around £170,000 in gate receipts and spin-offs. Top First Division clubs West Ham United and Coventry

By GARY LAWRENCE

City have asked to play money-spinning pre-season friendlies at Adams Park in July.

The team has another crowd-pulling game against Barnet in the J C Thompson Trophy – the non-league equivalent of the Charity Shield.

Wanderers will also be given a guaranteed place in the First Round of next season's FA Cup.

But Saturday's euphoria was marred when supporter Mark Wagstaff, 23, was left in a coma after he fell from a railway bridge at Wembley Stadium station.

Mr Wagstaff, of Northfield End, Henley, climbed onto a wall on the bridge, but lost his balance and plunged 30ft to the platform below.

He was rushed by ambulance to Northwick Park Hospital with a suspected fractured skull and a broken neck. Last night his condition was said to be critical, but stable.

Wanderers' manager Martin O'Neill said: "This is terrible. What a thing to happen on a day like that." He said he would try to visit the stricken fan.

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