

Well done to the victorious Blues

CONGRATULATIONS to Wanderers on winning the FA Trophy and also to the Free Press, which was very interesting reading. I am 86 and have supported Wycombe since before they won the Amateur Cup.

I well remember such fine players as Billy O'Gorman, Reg Boreham and Joe Grace. I saw the Amateur Cup Final at Highbury and at Wembley, which they lost 3-1. I have now seen them win the Trophy at Wembley.

Well done Wycombe!

Mr Cosgrove
Quadrangle
Totteridge

And well done to our happy Jack

WE were pleased to see Jack Francis' pictures on the Free Press front page, he deserves to be noticed, as in spite of his ill health and age, he is one of the most cheerful chaps one could meet. He has time for everyone who talks to him, and I've yet to hear him grumble about anything.

Last year at a holiday hotel, to which our warden took a coach load of us to Newquay, he won the award for the best character that week and also raised several pounds for charity, with what only started off as a joke, but everyone played his game with good results, all the best Jack.

Lester and Madge Penslow
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Adams Park beats Wembley at final

Open letter to Alan Coppin, Managing Director, Wembley Stadium Ltd

On Saturday, May 11, I was one of the record crowd at the FA Trophy between Wycombe Wanderers and Kidderminster at Wembley. A marvellous day out for all concerned especially if you were a Wycombe supporter.

It was, however, memorable for another reason. Not being a regular visitor to Wembley, I was appalled at the way we were jammed like proverbial sardines into what is supposed to be Britain's premier sports stadium which, at 34,682, was only half full.

I bought some expensive tickets for myself and nine-year-old son assuming that we would have an uninterrupted

view of proceedings and a degree of 'comfort'. The opposite was the case, and it makes one wonder whether Messrs Millichip & Kelly of the FA, that day's special guest Mr Ray Clemence, or indeed the management of the stadium itself, have ever suffered the indignity of having to sit with one's knees wrapped round a perfect stranger in front of them because there simply isn't enough room for one's legs to go elsewhere.

When there is action on the pitch everyone leaps to their feet in an attempt to catch a glimpse, so it's a case of one up, all up! You have no choice.

I now understand why there is a Royal Box, try putting HRH the Queen or Prince Philip or any of the above named into Block 147, Row 20, Seats 124 & 125 at Wembley. I think they would agree they would be better off standing on the terraces. The powers that be recommend all-seater stadiums, I hope they don't use Wembley as a blueprint.

Give me Adams Park every time – Well done Wycombe.

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Tommo's on tour

SLOUGH midfielder Steve Thompson has joined the world famous international touring side the Middlesex Wanderers.

Officials at Slough Town have cleared it with Thompson's first line of duty, the RAF, who agreed to free him to play against Dutch national XI, KNVB, at Adams Park on Wednesday.

"It is a great honour for Steve and for the club to take part in such a prestige event," said secretary Richard Hayward.

"I think he deserves the recognition after a season in which he showed how good he is at the highest level outside the Football League."

Thompson lines up against the Swallows together with a sparkling selection of the non-league players including FA Trophy heroes Mark West and Dave Carroll of Wycombe Wanderers.

The Middlesex Wanderers are the oldest touring side in football history, though on this occasion they are playing for the Lo Brunt Memorial Trophy on home soil.

The RAF man adds his name to a growing list of Slough players who have filled Wanderers' boots — Terry Reardon, Bobby Dell and most recently Gary Dodd, who skipped the side, among them.

The full Middlesex Wanderers squad is: Gary Phillips (Barnet), Alan Kurila (Kidderminster), Keith Willets (Cheltenham), Paul Richardson (Barnet), David Slack (Kettering), Stuart Hemsley (Sutton), Gary Bull (Barnet), Dave Carroll, Mark West (both Wycombe), Roger Willis (Barnet), Terry Robins (Welwyn), David Jacques (Redbridge), Russell Weir (Kidderminster), Steve Thompson (Slough), Paul Rogers (Sutton), John McKenna (Boston).

The manager is Graham Ainer of Kidderminster.