

Warped Blues fans jeer at injured goalie

WARPED Wycombe Wanderers' fans cheered and chanted after visiting Farnborough Town goalkeeper John Power broke his leg in a tackle on Monday night.

Mindless Wanderers fans have been condemned as the worst kind of hooligans for their behaviour at the Conference fixture at Adams Park.

Farnborough manager Ted Pearce said: "The reaction of the Wycombe spectators and supporters was despicable, absolutely despicable. It's gutter behaviour and you can't condone it."

On Tuesday surgeons at Wycombe Hospital were preparing to operate on keeper John Power's severely damaged leg. It could keep him out of play for the rest of the season. The incident came after 22 minutes when Blues' Kim Casey collided with John Power in the box.

The clubs were level at 1-1 when the referee blew the whistle on the match after just 62 minutes due to dangerous playing conditions in frosty weather.

Wycombe's club secretary, John Goldsworthy said: "We were appalled and disgusted by the chants directed at the Farnborough keeper.

"There were a very small minority of people shouting disgraceful things and tarnishing the good name of our fans."

Conference title contenders Wycombe and Colchester are joint favourites to win the FA Trophy. Ladbrokes odds are 9-2 with Colchester at 8-1.

Blues fans show their worst side

by Stephen Deal

WYCOMBE Wanderers fans who chanted "What's it like to have no legs" as an opposing goalkeeper was about to be stretchered off with a broken leg were branded as "worse than hooligans" this week.

Furious Farnborough manager Ted Pearce hit out after seeing his injured keeper continuously insulted by Blues fans.

At one stage, a shouting match erupted between fans and Farnborough players and some fans even beckoned the players to come into the crowd.

The Farnborough boss said: "The reaction of the Wycombe spectators was despicable. It is unforgivable, gutter behaviour.

"You can't condone it. It's a shame that such a famous club has had its reputation tarnished.

"They were worse than hooligans, that was the worst type of hooliganism."

He was backed up by Blues supremo Martin O'Neill, who said: "I can put myself in his position and if Paul Hyde had to be carried off and was subjected to that sort of

treatment from away fans, I wouldn't be too happy about it."

The crowd were incensed when the game was immediately stopped after a collision between Farnborough keeper John Power and Blues midfielder Kim Casey as both chased a loose ball.

Choruses of "Always Look On The Bright Side Of Life" rang out from a section of the home crowd, which provoked an angry reaction from Power's team-mates.

The keeper was stretchered off and a majority of the 3,928 crowd sportingly clapped him as he left the pitch.

He was operated on in Wycombe Hospital on Tuesday, and was due to leave tomorrow. He will be out for the rest of the season.

The Conference game was abandoned after an hour on Monday night because of a frozen pitch.