

We all agree, Blues should be promoted

THIS season in the GM Vauxhall Conference has seen two clubs, Colchester and Wycombe Wanderers, fighting for supremacy for virtually the whole time.

They both finished on 94 points, a new conference record, which was 21 points ahead of the next team.

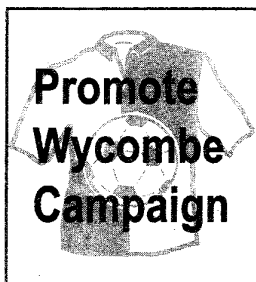
Wycombe won 30 of their 42 matches, and they finished with an average of two goals per game.

Despite also having the best defensive record in the conference, Wycombe finished second, and thus were not entitled to promotion.

In any normal season this could be seen as extreme bad luck, but this season Aldershot dropped out of the Football League, leaving next season's Fourth Division with only 23 clubs.

Surely it would make sense to promote two clubs from the conference, giving the Fourth Division its normal contingent of 24 clubs.

It is not as if Wycombe would struggle to survive in the Fourth Division. This season's average



home attendance is over 3,500, higher than many in the Fourth Division, and this figure would be sure to rise with League football.

Not only this, but conference and cup success has meant that Wycombe is one of the few major football clubs to make a profit.

Adams Park, Wycombe Wanderers' ground, is excellently equipped, and has already been passed for entry into the Football League. The current capacity is 6,000 but the ground was built so as to allow easy extension to 10,000.

Bearing all this in mind, it is surely evident that Wycombe Wanderers deserve to be promoted, with the club becoming an asset to the Football League.

The gap between Conference and Fourth Divi-



Asset: Martin O'Neill

sion has narrowed greatly in the past few years, as shown by frequent FA Cup successes, so surely it is time for two teams to be promoted - this season especially.

Simon Reeve-Parker
Fox Lane
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Five reasons for promotion

MY family and I feel that there are several reasons why Wycombe Wanderers should be accepted for the Fourth Division of the Football League.

1 - Both Colchester and WWFC easily broke the record for the number of points gained during the season.

2 - WWFC is financially sound, and consistently attracts excellent crowds, usually larger than those for many Fourth Division matches.

3 - The standard of the ground and its facilities is well above the standard required for entry into the Fourth Division.

4 - It seems false economy to have to pay £4,000 each week to one club without a match, when the place in the division could be filled by WWFC.

5 - WWFC has proved itself to be the best semi-professional club.

All the above reasons surely mean that WWFC should be admitted to the Fourth Division. As the chairman said, "We didn't finish second. We finished joint first."

Richard Bleakely
Hughenden Road
High Wycombe

Wycombe are able to cope

I BELIEVE Wycombe Wanderers should be promoted to the Fourth Division because I know they can prove themselves in the league.

They have shown what they are capable of by getting 94 points in the GM Vauxhall Conference, 21 more than the third placed team.

They have got a great team and if Martin O'Neill stays, a great manager. The ground we have is Fourth Division quality, maybe even Third. The support has been tremendous all season, following the team home and away, and now Aldershot are disbanded Wycombe should be allowed to go up and play in the Fourth Division.

It would be a great shame for the whole town if Wycombe are not allowed to be promoted to the Fourth Division.

Andrew Dawson
Meare Estate
Wooburn Green

Rules are not rules for this

HAD Aldershot not gone out of the league, I would have said rules are rules.

But there is a space for Wycombe; they finished equal top with Colchester, and have fine facilities and a good bank balance.

Surely this is what the Fourth Division needs, a club who do not need handouts, and are capable of going on to much better things.

Just a little thank you to Wycombe for the last two years' entertainment.

I gave up going to Highbury two years ago and have never regretted it.

Mr N Martin
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Team would be good for league

THE Football League has never before needed new blood like it needs it this season.

Wycombe would be good for the league and the league would be good for Wycombe.

So good luck in your campaign and many thanks for your efforts on our behalf.

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