

A STEVE Thompson piledriver just four minutes from time made Wycombe Wanderers once again the non-league name on everyone's lips this week.

Tommo sparked mass celebrations on the terraces of Adams Park and at pubs throughout the area as Wycombe came back from the dead to stay in the best domestic cup competition in the world.

After 70 minutes of this compelling FA Cup tie, Wycombe looked lucky to have been just 2-0 down.

That was until captain Glyn Creaser sent a bullet header into the back of the West Brom net and set up 20

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minutes of Wanderers' pressure.

The omens had not looked good for the majority of the record sell out 7,100 crowd when Kim Casey missed a golden opportunity after just two minutes, collided into goalie Stuart Naylor, and fell awkwardly, dislocating his shoulder. He will be out for four to five weeks.

Dennis Greene was brought on and Wycombe found themselves a goal down as they were still reorganising.

Darren Bradley beat keeper Paul

Hyde with a stinging shot from 20 yards after ten minutes.

Keith Scott somehow missed a great chance four minutes later, shooting marginally wide of the post.

West Brom went 2-0 up two minutes before the interval as Bob Taylor beat Hyde from the penalty box.

West Brom were at their best in the second half and it was Paul Hyde, combined with a little bit of luck, who kept Wanderers in the game.

Creaser did the business from a Steve Guppy corner to put the shout back into the fans, and Wycombe twice went close before the equaliser from Thompson.



Spot the bawl

THESE fans look pretty happy, don't they!? Well, after Wycombe's stirring fightback on Sunday, it's hardly surprising.

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Blues thunder back to glory

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(Half-time: 0-2)

Star rating: * * * *

WYCOMBE Wanderers deserved a replay from this FA Cup second round tie against West Bromwich Albion on Sunday at Adams Park.

Albion, a cultured Football League Division Two side well schooled by Ossie Ardiles and Keith Burkinshaw, led by two goals at the break.

But the Blues' never-say-die attitude paid off in the second

period when Albion uncharacteristically blundered in defence on several occasions before Wanderers got back on terms.

The Baggies took the lead in the 18th minute with a clinical right foot shot by Darren Bradley.

They made it two in the 42nd minute. The hard-working Ian Hamilton did the donkey-work and Bob Taylor finished off the move.

Blues pulled a goal back in the 71st minute when Glyn Creaser headed in Steve Guppy's well-flighted corner.

Then, with five minutes remaining, Steve Thompson thundered a drive past Albion 'keeper Stuart Naylor, who endured a nightmare second half.

The replay will be at The Hawthorns on Tuesday, December 15, kick-off 7.30 pm.

Wycombe Wanderers: Hyde, Cousins, Crossley, Hutchinson, Creaser, Thompson, Carroll, Casey, Stapleton, Scott, Guppy. Subs: Greene (for Casey, 4 mins), Buckle (not used).

West Bromwich Albion: Naylor, Reid, Linwall, Bradley, Raven, Strodger, Garner, Hamilton, Taylor, McNally, Robson. Subs: Donovan, Williams.

● Rebel boss David Kemp may be a one day at a time man but he had December 29

on his mind when he glimpsed Wycombe Wanderers for the first time on Sunday.

He saw the Blues draw with West Brom and was impressed with their style going forward.

First though he will have to

Chesham United Supporters Club will demonstrate their commitment to the Meadow Park cause tomorrow when they present a cheque for £500 to chairman Tony Apl'n.

The money was collected by fans at the end of last season and has been earmarked for ground improvements.

Supporters club president John Pearce will be on hand before tomorrow's Diadora League Premier Division game against Grays to make the presentation.