

Fans, fibs and football

LAST week we did not cover the Wycombe Wanderers match in protest against reporting restrictions placed on a reporter. These arose because he wrote a factual story that reflected badly on the club.

I AM dismayed at both the Bucks Free Press and The Star not reporting matches at Adams Park last week.

In my opinion Peter Lansley was completely out of order in depriving David Carroll of international recognition. It was a cheap story which obviously upset all the players and officials.

I think he should have been big enough to have apologised to the club and got on with his job of reporting from the press box. If he felt unable to do this then another reporter should have covered the matches. To deprive the public of any reports and fill the space with so much news from Chesham and Marlow is very childish.

**David Plested
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I stand by my decision to defend the principle of freedom of speech - Ed.

**Write to Star Letters, The
Star, Gomm Road, High
Wycombe, Bucks HP13 7DW**

WITH reference to your editorial last Friday concerning your reportage of the Wanderers' games and its news stories. May I say I am a supporter of the Bucks Free Press and also of the football club.

However, as a regular subscriber to the Bucks Free Press and therefore a regular reader, I pay 28p for a copy of the paper and expect to read a report on the football club.

In my opinion, you have a responsibility to your readers to provide a service, even if there is a dispute concerning reportage of their events between the paper and the club. Like Barry Fry at Barnet who was told by his chairman that he was sacked and should not attend the club's games. He still attended all the matches because he had a loyalty to the supporters of the club.

I believe you should maintain your loyalty and support to your readers - while sorting the matter out, which I note you intend to do this week.

Pete Lansley should attend all the matches whether in the press box or standing on the terraces, write his report and publish - your readers will appreciate this action.

**Ken Wall
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High Wycombe**

Keep up coverage of Chesham

AS A Chesham United supporter living in Wycombe, I welcome the extended coverage of Chesham in your papers.

If Wycombe Wanderers can't handle the pressure of being in the public eye, then let a club like Chesham have a go at it.

Wycombe have got to learn that the local public want to know all about the club, and if Wycombe won't let the BFP do this, then all I can say is - keep it up with the coverage on Chesham.

**Marc Emmerson
Highwood Avenue
Booker**

Paper resumes its coverage

THE dispute between the Bucks Free Press and Wycombe Wanderers was resolved this week with a resumption of the publication of match reports.

Editor Tim Blott met with club chairman Ivor Beeks on Tuesday to discuss the crisis, which flared up after the newspaper's deputy sports editor Peter Lansley was banned from certain parts of Blues' ground.

Procedures

Blott said: "We agreed that the club, in consultation with us, would draw up written procedures for all sections of the Press, which would be abided by everyone including Peter Lansley.

"In the meantime, the Bucks Free Press will resume publication of match reports. I am very grateful to all those people who telephoned or wrote in about this issue, whether they were for or against our decision.

"I now hope we can all concentrate our attentions on helping Wycombe Wanderers to win the league and FA Trophy."

Lack of space prevents us publishing all the letters we received on this subject, but we believe we have printed a fair representation of the views expressed on both sides.