

Fans' support was brilliant

I WOULD like to sincerely thank the thousands of Wycombe Wanderers supporters that turned up to Adams Park on Tuesday night.

Their extremely enthusiastic and vocal support gave all our players the extra lift they needed, especially when we were down to ten men early in the second half. The atmosphere was absolutely brilliant, quite indescribable, it was a wonderful night.

I just want to personally thank all Wycombe Wanderers supporters, because, thanks to them, and the commitment of the players, we achieved the win we desperately sought.

Through your support I trust Adams Park will always present a daunting prospect to visiting teams. I would love to see you all again next Tuesday against Boston United, because the race is far from over.

Martin O'Neill
Manager
Wycombe Wanderers

Remarks were quite incredible

I AM writing in response to the letter headed 'Cold response to icy incident' on March 19.

I am amazed at your remarks about the police from High Wycombe. The remarks were quite incredible.

Considering that there are a few police officers within the ground at Adams Park, compared to the number of spectators, matches are generally very well policed indeed.

The organisation and planning involved to police a match at Adams Park must be horrendous at times. The traffic problems before and after the match don't help things. There is always the potential for disorder at any football match but Adams Park has been quite trouble free. Surely this is partly due to good policing from Wycombe officers and members of the Special Constabulary who are unpaid for their duties, I believe.

I agree that the throwing of missiles is highly irresponsible and very dangerous. The police would have no doubt apprehended the offender I'm sure if they were able to locate him/her.

It seems to me though that you were not of great help to the police due to your attitude. If you were calmer towards the police you might have been of greater assistance.

Your letter in the BFP seems to suffer from the sour grapes syndrome, due to Wycombe losing and to you being told off for your bad language; you should have known better.

Finally to say that the Wycombe Police is a waste of space and money is the silliest and most immature remark I've read in a long time.

Name and address supplied

Crowd control sparks reaction

SLOUGH fans have complained about Wycombe Wanderers' admittance procedure at last week's match which was attended by a record 7,230 crowd.

One supporter Dennis Proctor, of Slough, said: "Apart from the question of how on earth Slough lost, I came away from Wycombe asking myself three other questions: why wasn't the game all-ticket, why was there only one turnstile open and why wasn't the kick-off delayed? Adams Park is a disaster area waiting for a tragedy to happen."

But Wanderers secretary John Goldsworthy said: "Following consultation between the club and the police it was decided not to make the game all ticket. There was only one turnstile open, which was linked to the police control room, to control the crowd flow in a better manner."

"The kick-off time was decided by the police and referee. He clearly felt there was no need to change it."

● THE England semi-professional squad will include no Wycombe Wanderers players for the match against Finland's Under-21 side on April 14.

Four Blues players made their debuts in the 2-1 success over Wales at Cheltenham last month. But now fixture congestion — as reported in the BFP midweek of March 9 — has cost Wanderers' stars further caps.

● TONY Sorrell, who made his Wycombe debut as a substitute against Farnborough a fortnight ago, is a man with two clubs.

The non-contract midfielder played for Barnet in a Third Division promotion clash in front of over 16,000 fans at Cardiff last Saturday, courtesy of a ruling which allows him to be registered with clubs in different leagues.

Martin O'Neill said: "It's okay for him as a non-contract player to play for two sides in different leagues. We don't abuse the rule, like some clubs."

Old programme was a rip-off

RE: Wanderers' Programme v Slough Town.

To quote the "insert" in the programme for the above "most the information in the old programme is relevant".

The loyal supporters are asked to pay £1 for a programme nearly three months old for the following relevant information!

Page two, adverts. Page three, very relevant info about an American Gridiron result nine weeks ago. Page four, ads. Page five, Wanderers wish Yeovil "all the best" for their FA Cup match v Arsenal.

Page six and seven, adverts. Page eight, wish all the supporters a Happy New Year! Page nine, ads. Page ten, Slough Town review, yes possibly relevant! Page 11, ads. Page 12, Slough's recent formguide!

Page 13, ads. Page 14, League Line prizewinners. (who probably have spent their winnings two months ago). Page 15, ads. Page 16, photos. Page 18, wait for it ... Alan Parry wishes everyone A Happy New Year! Page 19, ads.

Page 20, join League Line nine weeks early. Page 21, ads. Page 22, out of date statistics, very useful! Page 23, more out of date statistics!! Page 24, ads. Page 25, ads. Page 26, ads. Page 27, Slough Pen Pics. Page 28, ads. Page 29, old photos. Page 30, ads.

Page 31, Back in Time, should read 1.2 years ago, 5.2 years ago, 10.2 years ago.

Page 32, ads. Now here is an absolute gem! Page 33, Xmas club draw winners! Very relevant at the end of March. Page 34, ads. Page 35, footie at large column. Page 36, ads.

Now another little gem. Page 37, away travel info... so you find out how to get to matches that were played nine weeks ago!

The rest of the programme consisted of mainly adverts and more useless information.

Own up boss Beeks ... this is another rip off, play the game, refund the money to the supporters.

Bob Imber
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IN OFF THE POST

Dear Sport,

I MADE the short journey to Adams Park to see Slough Town play at Wycombe last week. It was my third visit there. While the ground from the inside looks suitable for the Football League, the organisation at Wycombe is no better than Sunday-League standard.

At around 7.40pm, I managed to get into the ground thanks to the 12-mile journey taking an hour. Well-designed indeed: only one road that leads to the ground.

There were around 2,000 Slough fans there, plus the 500 locked out. Wycombe decided to open only one turnstile.

Despite this, the kick off was not delayed to allow the many hundreds of fans outside the ground time to get in. So Slough fans were still entering the ground long after the kick off.

In the post-Hillsborough soccer world, it is now commonplace for clubs to think of the fans and allow them extra time to get in when there is a particularly large crowd.

I can only dread to think of the consequences if some Slough supporters, in their frustration, had decided to try and rush the gate.

It was always obvious that there would be a large crowd so surely it would have made sense to make the game all-ticket.

Apart from the question of how on earth Slough lost, I came away from Wycombe asking myself three other questions:

- WHY wasn't the game all ticket?
- WHY was only one turnstile open?
- WHY wasn't the kick off delayed?

Adams Park is a disaster area waiting for a tragedy to happen.

Dennis Proctor
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