

WYCOMBE ANNOUNCE INCREASES

WYCOMBE Wanderers' admission charges will increase by 30 per cent for their first season in the Football League.

But there will be savings for more fervent supporters, families particularly, with season-ticket packages.

Ground admission for adults is £6, an increase of £1.50, with concessions at £3.50. A seat in the stands is £8, a rise of £2 on last season's prices.

Junior family stand seats are £4 (with three children per adult). An adult terrace season ticket will be £102, an increase of £24. But if bought before June 25, it will cost £96. Similarly, supporters can save money on other ticket categories if bought before this date.

Wanderers released their charges yesterday with their manager Martin O'Neill and chairman Ivor Beeks sitting down today to discuss making players' contracts full time, one of the major additional financial demands on the club next season.

Mark Austin, Wanderers' sales and marketing manager, said: "The prices are based on budgets for a Division Three club rather than a Conference club. There will be extra full-time staff at the club and police charges will be higher. Fans will also be paying for full-time, rather than part-time, players' wages."

He added: "The club has done as much as it can to offset charges in recessionary times, but the club need to

build a strong squad for this League."

Colchester United, who had an average League attendance of 3,764 compared to Wycombe's 4,545 last season, are set to have the same admission charges as Wanderers.

O'Neill, who contrary to one national newspaper did not visit Stamford Bridge on Friday to have talks with Chelsea chairman Ken Bates about the club's managerial vacancy, said: "If these are the sort of average prices in the Third Division then I would say the club are entitled to have them. I think everyone has accepted that there will be rises."

But the Blues boss, who last week said Wycombe fans' support was one of the reasons he forsook Nottingham Forest, added: "One thing I do not want to happen is that supporters are alienated."

By CLAIRE NASH

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Home sweet home

FOOTBALL manager Martin O'Neill told Nottingham Forest he was staying put at Wycombe Wanderers.

I don't blame him - who wants to manage a bunch of losers?

But I note Mr O'Neill's words: "I have had calls from my relations in Northern Ireland where they have expressed the opinion that I am off my rocker by turning this job down."

I'd say it was Mr O'Neill's relations who are off their rockers - for staying put in Northern Ireland.

Fares are unfair

RETURN bus fares to Wycombe Wanderers' Adams Park ground from the town centre rise next season from £1 to £1.50.

The 50 per cent increase imposed by the Wycombe Bus Company is hardly in line with inflation and smacks to me of one big rip-off.

Of the Blues



THE best pictures of Wycombe Wanderers' FA Trophy triumph are available to buy as souvenirs from the Bucks Free Press and Midweek.

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