

Gould applauds Wycombe's impassioned fans



Blues' magnificent fans encourage their team with a spectacular release of balloons

WANDERERS fans were the toast of Coventry City after the 4,000-strong contingent made their presence firmly felt at Highfield Road, earning praise from Sky Blues boss Bobby Gould, as well as Martin O'Neill and Wycombe players.

"The Wycombe supporters were truly superb," said Coventry's larger-than-life manager Gould.

The Blue Army, which made up nearly half the 9,615 attendance figure, became the Yellow Army on Wednesday night when they transformed one end of City's stadium into a mass of yellow balloons which were released into the sky at kick-off.

But theirs was certainly not a yellow attitude of the cowardly kind. Chants of 'yellows' and 'Wanderers, Wanderers, Wanderers' roared across the pitch, continually drowning out Sky Blues supporters.

O'Neill, who duly re-

sponded to a handful of requests to give Wycombe's faithful a wave, said: "It's the talk of the Coventry people. They all said they could not believe the support we got."

Wycombe's manager described the fans as sensational, and added: "I do not think there is any away support in the country as good as ours. They are fantastic all the time."

Keeper Paul Hyde said: "The fans were the loudest I have ever heard them. They were continually out-singing the Premier League side's fans."

The fans' fervent noise made an Adams Park home crowd sound like a hoarse whisper.

O'Neill and his players are hoping the supporters encourage and cheer as loudly in the return leg at Adams Park, on Tuesday, October 5.

"I would not force people to make noise they do not want to make. But it does help," said the manager.