
Wycombe reap a rich harvest in glory push

RINGING cash tills greeted Wycombe's glorious march to League, FA Trophy, and cup success.

The financial results for Wanderers' last year in non-League football show that turnover was up by 50 per cent to £1.8 million.

The nett surplus was £272,000 compared to £20,000 the previous year.

"The improvement was largely due to an appearance at Wembley for the Trophy Final and the gate and television receipts for the FA Cup second

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round match against West Bromwich, which went to a replay," said Wycombe director Graham Peart.

Total gate receipts rose by 61 per cent to £617,000, and income from advertising, match sponsorship, Blues Line, Corner Flag Shop, programme sales, lotteries, Conference Centre and the Centre Spot bar all went up.

However, costs were also higher, with playing staff costs rising by 40 per cent.

Police costs were up 200 per cent,

running Adams Park grew by 28 per cent, and administrative costs went up 22 per cent.

Transfer fees paid were £25,000 and no transfer fees were received for players leaving.

But Peart added: "The new term in the Endsleigh Football League has started well with over 2,000 season ticket sales against 1,000 last year.

"Gate receipts have also been promising at the early home games and a large contingent are also travelling to away games, which is important to the Wanderers players."

Blues took 1,800 to their first ever League match at Carlisle, 2,500 to their nearest away game at Northampton, and a healthy 600 on a mid-week visit to Hereford.

But Peart emphasised: "With most players now being full time, costs have risen sharply higher.

"However, the sales, promotions, and banqueting divisions of the club are working hard to improve their respective contributions, with a view to providing a small overall surplus this season before taking any player transfer costs into account."

Cut-price Evans joins Blues

TERRY Evans has signed for Wanderers and Martin O'Neill believes he is a bargain buy at £20,000, although the fee could double.

O'Neill finalised the on-loan defender and Blues' current skipper's transfer on Friday afternoon.

Blues will pay Brentford a further £10,000 if Evans plays 40 games, and another £10,000 if the centre half reaches the 70 mark within two and a half years.

"I am pleased to have signed Terry. I think he is very important to our set

up," said O'Neill.

"Considering his pedigree I think the fee is very favourable. If he plays those 70 games within two and a half years, he will have done very well for us."

O'Neill was intent on signing Evans, at Brentford for eight years, after the player impressed with sturdy defensive displays when Wycombe's back four was plagued by injuries and suspensions.

Brentford boss David Webb's original asking price for Evans is believed to have been around £50,000. Evans, 28, will remain as Wycombe's captain.
