



Mini-players: Blues' players Andy Kerr, left, and Steve Guppy examine the Subbuteo miniatures

Blues' players take on world in miniature

WYCOMBE Wanderers look set for epic clashes with Premier League giants Manchester United, European champions AC Milan and world champions Germany.

But before Blues fans go into orbit at the prospect of such mouth-watering matches, it should be pointed out that the teams in question are just an inch high.

Subbuteo has launched a Wycombe Wanderers' team after deciding the club deserved to be recognised for its meteoric rise through the soccer ranks.

The absence of black players in the miniature team failed to

ruffle many feathers at Adams Park.

"I would have thought they would have used their initiative and included at least one black player," commented defender Andy Kerr.

Blond-haired winger Steve Guppy, who claimed he did not mind the fact that every Subbuteo player resembled brown-haired full back Jason Cousins, said it was a great honour for the club.

Subbuteo's Blues team will be on sale at Beattie's toy store, White Hart Street, and at Wycombe Wanderers' two club shops. Each set costs around £4.50.

Friends say farewell to Blues stalwart

THE funeral of former Wycombe Wanderers player, trainer and groundsman Jock Shepherd is being held at Amersham Crematorium today at 1.30pm.

Christened Ronald George, the 75-year-old was a Blues season ticket holder until his death last week. He lived in Wooburn Green after moving from Glasgow when he was ten.

He played for Wycombe's reserves in 1947/48, after army service in the Second World War. He then joined Maidenhead United.

But Jock returned to Loakes Park as trainer in the 1950s and was groundsman as well from 1969 until the mid-1980s when he retired

Jock deserved a minute's silence

I AM sure there are like me a lot of older supporters of the Wanderers, sad to hear of the death of Jock Sheppard who was for so very many years groundsman, trainer and washer of players' kit, etc.

Wouldn't it have been nice if we could have had a minute's silence last Saturday in the memory of Jock?

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RUMOURS that soccer legend Gazza is coming to Adams Park proved to be greatly exaggerated this week, much to the dismay of my Midweek colleague Andy Chatfield.

Andy, the paper's deputy features editor, convinced himself that Paul Gascoigne was signing

for Wycombe Wanderers.

He came up with this gem after overhearing a conversation between football fans. They were pondering rumours that Gazza may be leaving Italian club Lazio, bound for... Adams Park?

Andy, a keen Blues supporter, was overjoyed - until he realised the fans were discussing Gazza's rumoured move to Leeds.

Police probe complaint on soccer fans' treatment

POLICE are interviewing football fans as part of an investigation into a complaint about the way four servicemen from Naphill were ordered out of town.

The servicemen were ordered on to a coach full of Gillingham supporters in September and sent to Kent, despite saying they were from RAF Strike Command.

The police will not say where the complaint came from but the Bucks Free Press believes it was made by the servicemen.

An officer spent two days in Kent inter-

viewing 39 fans who travelled on the coach for the game against Wycombe Wanderers.

Detective Superintendent Fred Ashmore, of the Complaints Investigation Department, based at Langley, said: "A complaint has been received regarding the way in which the fans were treated by police officers on September 4."

The servicemen had met up with friends travelling on the supporters' coach at the Angel pub, in Pauls Row, before the match. Police arrived and ordered the fans and the servicemen on to the coach. Police led the vehicle to the M40 and told the driver

to head back to Kent.

The servicemen, Corporal Mark King, Sergeant David Abbot, Lance Corporal John O'Callaghan and Senior Aircraftman John Askin tried to tell officers they were stationed in High Wycombe. Two of them showed their warrant cards but had to travel to Gillingham.

Police later said the fans were sent away because they had been drinking.

Det Supt Ashmore said a report on the complaint would be made to the Police Complaints Authority in London and a decision would be made in the New Year.