

Transfer list puzzles me

ONE thing has always puzzled me about the game of soccer: The so-called transfer list.

You always hear managers and sports reporters burbling on about this list.

But does it really exist, and if so, where is it kept?

Does Wycombe Wanderers' boss Martin O'Neill pin it up on the dressing room wall every day, or does he hide it in a secret drawer in his office?

Blues defender Andy Kerr was apparently put on this list the other week. But I'm told he's the only name on it at the moment.

It sounds like a waste of paper to me.

ONE to WATCH

SHREWSBURY TOWN v WYCOMBE WANDERERS
ENDSLEIGH INSURANCE LEAGUE THIRD DIVISION
3.00pm Saturday 29 January
Gay Meadow, Shrewsbury, SY2 6AB
(Admission prices: adult seating £7-8, child seating £4.50-8; adult standing £6, child standing £3.50-6)

Wycombe's contention for promotion to the Second Division probably hasn't come as a surprise to most people, and they've been showing all season what attractive football they can play, producing some great performances in the League and giving Norwich a good game in the FA Cup - oh, and Wycombe's Steve Guppy (above) has these picturesque breathing skills which are obviously helping them along nicely. The Shrews have only lost two home games to date at Gay Meadow, and while both sides are scoring a tremendous amount of goals, a draw seems on the cards today. Maybe.



Spoof upsets club secretary

WANDERERS secretary John Goldsworthy has challenged writers of club fanzine The Adams Family to fill his programme column.

He threw down the gauntlet after they spoofed his regular Behind The Scenes page three spot in last Saturday's issue of The Adams Family.

Their version was called Behind the Fanzine Scene, by Jack Silverworth.

Inane

Goldsworthy criticised their efforts in Tuesday's Mansfield match programme. "It is appalling that the genuine and time-consuming efforts of contributors, who give freely of their leisure time, should be the subject of the inane natterings of a nomad collection," he said.

He ended with the invitation: "I therefore hand over this page to the gang of eight (the voice of the fans) who can take it in rotation to fill this page."

The Adams Family are considering a response. Spokesman Andy Dickinson said: "Mr Goldsworthy is obviously bitter about the whole fanzine thing. We did not mean our column to cause offence and we don't claim to be the voice of all the fans."

Testing time

THE two form teams in Division Three clash at Gay Meadow this weekend.

After the wins over Lincoln, Northampton and Mansfield, the Blues are in a strong second place in Division Three. But on Saturday they travel to Shrewsbury, who have won five of their last six games, impressing many with their attractive, open style of football.

Wycombe expect a large away backing for the vital promotion clash, but fans without a ticket have been warned they will not get in on the day.

Tickets from Wycombe stop selling at 11am this morning (Friday).

Teens' test

A QUESTION Of Sport is coming to Adams Park, home of Wycombe Wanderers.

But there will be no sign of David Coleman, Ian Botham or any of the other stars of the TV quiz - instead, the competitors will be sports mad teenagers.

Schools have been asked to enter teams for the contest, which takes place between this Tuesday and March 3.

The competition is open to 16 to 18-year-olds from schools in the area, although each team of six will include a teacher and governor, or member of the PTA.

Quarter and semi-finals will eventually take place, before the final itself on Thursday, March 3.

Organisers Wycombe Wanderers will present the winning school with a shield, and medals will go to all the winners and runners up in the final.

Voting ends Tuesday in family awards

WYCOMBE Wanderers want you to nominate them in the Jewson Family Awards to win £10,000. Voting stops on Tuesday. Get your coupon from Adams Park.

Meanwhile, Wanderers' press officer Alan Hutchinson indirectly criticised this newspaper on the Ringing The Blues clubcall for not publishing the coupon, saying he thought it was "unbelievable".

Chris Cowley, Bucks Free Press deputy editor, said: "It's not the policy of this newspaper to run competitions we have absolutely no control over."

"It was Jewson who offered the Wycombe Star newspaper the exclusive use of the coupon for this area, and an agreement was reached with them to do that. Therefore, we would not have been allowed to run it now, even if we wanted to."