

Snow's bad timing costs Wanderers thousands



Football crazy? You'd have to be to brave the Adams Park snow on Tuesday

WYCOMBE Wanderers face a bill of £3,000 spent on arrangements for Tuesday's abandoned Endsleigh League game against Rochdale.

Wanderers secretary John Goldsworthy said: "Staff and police still have to be paid, and the travel expenses of Rochdale have to be met too."

Tuesday was the second attempt to play the game, originally snowed off over Christmas. Its new date is April 19 (ko 7.45pm).

Ticket holders can claim refunds at the Adams Park commercial office. Existing tickets are not valid, and new ones will be issued.

Some fans, mostly from Rochdale, arrived at Adams Park for Tuesday's

7.45pm kick-off only to find the game was off.

But John Goldsworthy said it was just unfortunate that the weather closed in at the wrong time, forcing referee Arthur Smith to call the game off at 6.15pm.

"Up till about 5pm, it was still definitely on, but the snow came down heavily from then," Goldsworthy reported.

"There is just nothing humans can do about the weather. It is in the lap of the gods," he observed.

Rochdale secretary Keith Clegg agreed, adding it was disappointing for the 250 to 300 fans who travelled from Lancashire.

● Blues' game against Darlington, called off two weeks ago, will be played on March 29 (ko 7.45pm).