

Praise for Blues fans' cool reply

WYCOMBE fans have been praised for the way they calmly ignored Colchester United hooligans' attempts to spoil Saturday's celebrations.

U's fans tried to get the match called off when they staged a pitch invasion after David Titterton scored Blues' second goal at Layer Road.

Two Colchester fans were wrestled to the ground by police as they tried to incite the packed visitors' terrace.

"I don't think they got much in the way of a response. All credit is due to those Wycombe supporters that they just ignored it," said Wanderers secretary John Goldsworthy this week.

No one was injured in the disturbance during the game's dying moments, apart from a Colchester steward who is believed to have broken his arm. But United fans caused a crush when they reportedly stormed into Wycombe supporters as they exited the terrace after the final whistle.

Some Blues fans had to leave the ground by stepping over the

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advertising boards to walk across the pitch.

The referee stopped the match as soon as the game entered injury time.

"I thought the referee handled it very well," said Goldsworthy.

He added that Wycombe had not received any complaints from their supporters.

A Colchester police spokesman confirmed that four United fans were arrested and would be charged under public order acts.

Pushed

"Colchester supporters pushed forward after the first goal. Some fell onto the pitch and one ran across, but police intervened. That person was arrested," he said.

A group of around 30 Colchester fans later called for United chairman Gordon Parker to resign when they staged a sit-in on the pitch.



Strong arm of the law: A Colchester fan is wrestled to the ground by the police