

It is time the Blues grew up

AS a loyal Scunthorpe United supporter born and bred in Aylesbury, the visit of my team to Adams Park was one I had looked forward to all season.

Surrounded by many Wycombe followers I had been impressed with endless reports of good and attractive football they have been playing.

Because of this I've always had the utmost respect for Wycombe Wanderers, that was until I actually saw them play for the first time against Scunthorpe (April 23). Don't get me wrong their football was very good but it's obvious that their conduct by both players and management is still firmly rooted in non-league football.

Yes the referee was poor. No excuse, however, to question his every decision when it went against the home side and providing endless verbal diarrhoea because a decision was not agreed with.

Martin O' Neill, a person I had respected in the game, was disgraceful. Every time a decision went against, the entire Wycombe bench was up in arms forcing their opinion. I thought the manager was supposed to lead by example?

Jason Cousins' display complements his poor conduct record, kicking the ball away when it had been placed for the rightly-awarded penalty (Goodacre was pushed off the ball). Stop acting like a spoilt child Jason.

As for this tremendous support they receive, we out-sung them from start to finish, their voices only raised to a murmur when they took the lead; typical!

For the football you play Wycombe, you deserve to succeed with promotion but your management and player conduct is a disgrace and a slur on the English game, either grow up or get back in the Conference.

I don't suppose this will get printed but I would be grateful if its contents could be passed on to Adams Park. Thank you.

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Soccer coach fare is exorbitant

IT would be interesting to have Ivor Beek's reaction to the ridiculously high coach prices being charged for the Crewe game this Saturday.

After being told on frequent occasions how much the club 'valued' its supporters over the past 12 months, it would appear that greed seems to have overtaken the league's newest club.

My friend and I and our three sons have attended virtually all of the Wanderers' games this season, travelling to various parts of the country by car each weekend.

The cost of travelling to Crewe - a round trip of approximately 300 miles would have been £22/23 for petrol plus the cost of entrance tickets. The alternative this weekend is our being forced to pay double this - a total of £46.50 and the cost of tickets through having to go by coach.

Mr Beeks will probably defend this through the economic cost of hiring a coach or even say why didn't we organise a private booking ourselves with other supporters to keep the cost down (ie hire a mini-bus or coach).

All I will say to Mr Beeks is that if the club values the support of the 1,200 or so fans who are being forced to travel by coach, why didn't they as a gesture subsidise the costs. We can't surely be short of money - we've hardly spent any of the £300,000 plus for Keith Scott!

A missed opportunity for good public relations on the part of the club - one where they really could have put their money where their mouth is.

We will still be cheering their efforts on this Saturday and at the Preston game.

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Wanderers coach young hopefuls

HIGH WYCOMBE: Wycombe Wanderers Football Club has teamed up with Wycombe District Council and Proleisure to stage a series of mini-soccer classes at Wycombe Sports Centre, starting May 8.

The weekly Sunday morning classes, costing £3 each, are split into two age groups: six to nine-year-olds meet 10.30am-11.30am; ten to 12-year-olds meet 11.30am-12.30pm. Application forms are available from the sports centre at Marlow Hill.

Blues appeal

WYCOMBE Wanderers Football Club has appealed to the Secretary of State for the Environment against Wycombe Council only granting temporary permission for the use of its Adams Park car park as a Sunday market.

The appeal will be heard this Wednesday.