

High drama rocks the Blues boat

COMMUNIQUE to The Bucks Free Press, relating to an incident on April 30, 1994.

At 1500 hrs the balloons went up on the Blues Line ship Wycombe Wanderers on a mildly perilous journey to Automatic Promotion.

By 1502 hours WW had been hit by a torpedo from the only enemy in the vicinity, The Alex. Captain, half the crew and shore management seemingly unaware of the current dangers. No call to arms was heard and it wasn't until 1510 hours that some semblance of order was restored.

Fortunately at 1515 hrs an explosion on board The Alex brought about some semblance of status quo.

At around 1547 hours news from other areas of conflict, indicated that a successful mission for WW was but 50 minutes distant.

On board WW control and direction were not of the highest; help from onshore of a minimal nature.

At 1631 hours WW hit a minefield bringing about a calamitous situation. Mayday Mayday Mayday; but help from management was not forthcoming, possibly thinking that the signal and something to do with the next day on the calendar.

By 1648 hours WW had run aground.

News from the Carlisle indicated a faint hope for survival.

A struggle of titanic dimension will now be required to get WW off the rocks and safely into port; much depending on Chester sinking The Alex.

Relatives and friends are anxiously awaiting better news.

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Will the Wanderers win?

WYCOMBE Wanderers try to win promotion to the Second Division this Saturday. The Blues play Preston North End and need a win - and then hope Crewe fail to beat Chester to guarantee promotion. If not, they will be involved in the play-offs to climb out of Division Three. In the play-off semi-finals, they could travel to either Carlisle, Torquay, Walsall, Chesterfield or Rochdale on Sunday, May 15, with the Adams Park second leg on Wednesday, May 18. If Wycombe win through that stage, the final will be at Wembley on Saturday, May 28.

Blues plan for play-off scenarios

WYCOMBE have drawn up arrangements for ticket sales should they be involved in the play-offs after tomorrow's game.

"It has been necessary to consider ticket arrangements in advance of Saturday's results because of the shortness of time available for distribution of tickets," explained club secretary John Goldsworthy.

The play-off semi-final dates are away - Sunday, May 15 (ko 3pm) and home - Wednesday, May 18 (ko 7.45pm).

Possible opponents include Torquay, Walsall, Chesterfield, Rochdale and coming up on the inside, Carlisle, who beat champions Shrewsbury 2-1 on Tuesday. Blues started their season at Carlisle.

The away leg will be all-ticket if Wycombe's opponents are Torquay or Rochdale. Prices are Torquay £7 and Rochdale: terrace £7; seats £9 and £5 concession. Tickets will be by postal ballot for vice presidents, season ticket holders, both stand and terrace, and Leagueline members, only.

Postal applications - for one ticket per member - would need to be sent in by 9am next Wednesday.

The envelope should be addressed to the ticket office containing the correct money (cheque), vice president seat details, or Voucher P (if stand season ticket holder), or ticket book number if terrace ticket holder, or Leagueline membership number, and a stamped addressed envelope. Applications are void if any of the above are missing.

It will be cash on the turnstiles if the opponents are Carlisle, Walsall or Chesterfield.

The home leg would be all-ticket.

Vice presidents, terrace and seat ticket holders and Leagueline members can claim theirs in person from the commercial office between Monday, May 9, and Friday, May 13, from 9am to 5.30pm, and up to 7.30pm on Thursday. Family stand applications will be on a first come, first served basis between the same dates.

Remaining tickets would go on general sale on Saturday, May 14, between 10am and noon, and if any are left, between 9am and 5.30pm on Monday, May 16 and Tuesday, May 17.

The play-off final is at Wembley on Saturday, May 28.

Wycombe go live in Wembley fives

WANDERERS will have hardly had time to draw breath before some of the players are plunged into the fast and furious Evening Standard Fives tournament at Wembley Arena on Monday.

Blues' opening opponents are Chelsea, Arsenal, Tottenham, Wimbledon, West Ham and Queens Park Rangers will also represent the Premiership.

The Division One clubs are Crystal Palace, Charlton, Luton, Millwall and Watford. Barnet and Brentford make up the Division Two contingent, with Blues the only Division Three club in the tournament which is being covered by Sky Sports and Capital Radio.

There is £25,000 up for grabs for the winners. Tickets are £12, £15, £17.50 and £20, available from Wembley Box Office (081) 900 1234 or Wycombe's commercial office.

College backs club in sponsorship deal

AMERSHAM and Wycombe College has pledged its support to Wycombe Wanderers with a sponsorship deal to run over the next three and a half years.

The Hillbottom Terrace at Adams Park will officially be known as the Amersham and Wycombe College Stand.

"The club is delighted to welcome Amersham and Wycombe College as stand sponsors. Two years ago the Valley Terrace became the Bucks Free Press Stand, while the Woodlands Terrace became the Davenport Vernon Vauxhall Stand at the beginning of this season. Only the main stand is now available for sponsorship," explained Blues' marketing manager Mark Austin.