

We did our best for Blues fans

THE following letter addressed to Mr I Beeks, Chairman, Wycombe Wanderers, was sent to the BFP by the football club and is reproduced with Mr Shooter's permission:
MAY I start by offering my congratulations to the club on

winning the play-off at Wembley. My main reason in writing to you, though, is in regard to our train service between High Wycombe and Wembley Stadium.

As you are probably aware, the level of service to your fans was below that which we would expect to deliver.

We were able to run all the trains needed from High Wycombe to Wembley, and for the most part, this operation was successful. However, I do know that owing to some unfortunate circumstances at High Wycombe, there were a number of fans who were delayed on their journey to the Stadium.

Fortunately, all fans had been picked up from High Wycombe in time for the match, and in fact, the last special train to Wembley, the 14.00 was only half-full when it left High Wycombe.

Resulting from the evidence of the numbers that travelled to Wembley, my staff made strenuous efforts to mobilise all available resources, and the return trains were lengthened with all vehicles at hand.

Nevertheless, there were quite a number of people who waited for some time for a train home.

Perhaps the lesson to learn is that if we were lucky enough to have the opportunity to run this type of service again, we need to have a more robust method of calculating the numbers expected for a game.

If necessary, we can then draft in extra trains from other parts of the country. Might I suggest that we take a joint approach to this?

Could I take this opportunity to thank your fans for their exemplary behaviour when travelling on our trains.

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O'Neill puts his faith in Stevens

MARTIN O'Neill has given teenager Shaun Stevens a chance to break through into Wycombe's first team by giving the talented defender a one-year contract.

The 17-year-old full back, who was capped five times at England Under-18 level last season, follows in the footsteps of 18-year-old forward Alec Norman.

Stevens, who lives in Wokingham, will be keen to ensure his terms are extended beyond one term. Norman was released on a free transfer last month.

Youth team manager Jim Melvin is delighted Stevens has been signed up. "Our aim with the youth team is to get at least one player taken on at the end of the season, so this is good news."

Greater scope to groom untapped talent, particularly from the local area, is currently being provided by the club's centre of excellence which has been running for six months.

Youngsters in the 14 to 15-year age group are being put through their paces by Melvin and there is a chance that those who excel may graduate to the ranks of Wycombe's successful youth team.

The youth team, which secured the Allied Counties League double last season, will now be battling it out with the likes of Premiership clubs Tottenham Hotspur, Wimbledon and Crystal Palace, in the South East Counties League next term.

●Wycombe District Council has organised courses to improve the level of football coaching and emergency aid qualifications within leagues in the district.

The four courses are Emergency Aid Training, Treatment of Injury, FA Leaders Award and an FA Preliminary Coaching Award. They will take place during August, September and October. For further information contact sports development officer Dave Meli on (0494) 421888.

●Leagueline winners for Week 37 (June 18) are £400 677 C Astrop, Stokenchurch; £25 464 S Betker, High Wycombe; £25 1072 M Elliott, High Wycombe.



Shaun Stevens

Wycombe Wanderers' Division Two Fixtures 1994/95

Match	Date
Cambridge Utd (H)	13.8.94
Brighton (A) C-Cola1(1)wc	15.8.94
Huddersfield (A)	20.8.94
Brighton (H) C-Cola1(2)wc	22.8.94
Bristol Rovers (H)	27.8.94
Birmingham City (A)	30.8.94
Bradford City (A)	3.9.94
Brentford (H)	10.9.94
Hull City (H)	13.9.94
Crewe Alexandra (A)	17.9.94
Coca-Cola 2 (1)	21.9.94
Stockport County (A)	24.9.94
Swansea City (H)	1.10.94
Coca-Cola Cup 2 (2)	5.10.94
Leyton Orient (H)	8.10.94
Plymouth Argyle (A)	15.10.94
Peterborough (A)	22.10.94
Coca-Cola Cup 3	26.10.94
York City (H)	29.10.94
Shrewsbury Town (H)	1.11.94
Wrexham (A)	5.11.94
FA Cup 1	12.11.94
Cardiff City (H)	19.11.94
Blackpool (A)	26.11.94
Coca-Cola Cup 4	30.11.94
FA Cup 2	3.12.94
Huddersfield (H)	10.12.94
Cambridge United (A)	17.12.94
Brighton (H)	26.12.94
Oxford United (A)	27.12.94
AFC Bournemouth (H)	31.12.94
Chester City (A)	2.1.95
Peterboro' (H)/FA Cup 3	7.1.95
Coca-Cola Cup 5	11.1.95
Rotherham United (A)	14.1.95
Wrexham (H)	21.1.95
York City (A)/FA Cup 4	28.1.95
Blackpool (H)	4.2.95
Shrewsbury Town (A)	11.2.95
Coca-Cola Cup semi (1)	15.2.95
Rotherham (H)/FA Cup 5	18.2.95
Cardiff City (A)	21.2.95
Coca-Cola semi (2)	22.2.95
Swansea City (A)	25.2.95
Stockport County (H)	4.3.95
Bradford City (H)	7.3.95
Bristol R (A)/FA Cup 6	11.3.95
Birmingham (H)	18.3.95
Brentford (A)	21.3.95
Crewe Alexandra (H)	25.3.95
Hull City (A)	1.4.95
Coca-Cola Cup Final	2.4.95
Bournemouth (A)/FAC(sf)	8.4.95
Oxford United (H)	15.4.95
Brighton (A)	19.4.95
Chester City (H)	22.4.95
Plymouth Argyle (H)	29.4.95
Leyton Orient (A)	6.5.95
FA Cup Final	20.5.95