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WYCOMBE v CAMBRIDGE



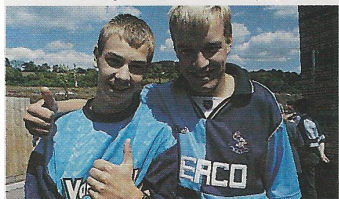
With match officials under more scrutiny than ever and with the powers that be tinkering with the laws of the game, 90 MINUTES LIVE! visits Adams Park and asks:

WHAT DO YOU THINK ABOUT THE PROPOSED CLAMP-DOWN BY REFEREES THIS SEASON?

▽ NEIL & RICHARD SEELEY SUPPORT WYCOMBE

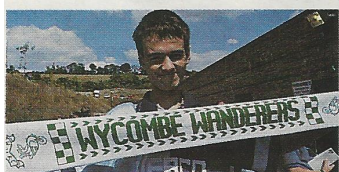
Neil, 13: "I think it's good that they have to stop the tackle from behind, and it's fair enough giving yellow and red cards to players for dissent. They've got away with too much in the past and it's about time the game was cleaned up."

Richard, 17: "I think the proposed clamp-down is a good thing. But I don't agree that players should be carried off to treat injuries. If someone has a broken leg it could make the injury worse."



▽ JAMIE REDDING SUPPORTS WYCOMBE

Jamie, 22: "I think we need better referees, not stricter interpretations of the laws. Referees in this country are so inconsistent that players haven't got a clue what's going on. There's going to be so many red and yellow cards it will be a complete joke."



▽ PAUL McCLOUDE & ANTHONY REED SUPPORT WYCOMBE

Paul, 18: "I think the referees should calm down a bit because some of them, like Phillip Don, are booking players for no good reason. We have good and bad referees in our game and bringing in a stricter code of conduct won't change the quality of the decisions made."

Anthony, 14: "I think the referees in this country are rubbish and bringing in stricter rules will just make things worse. If they keep getting things wrong they should introduce another official using video evidence to judge bad tackles."



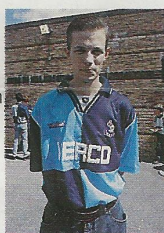
△ DAVID GULLIVAN & RICKY HAYNES SUPPORT CAMBRIDGE

David, 25: "I'm totally in support of tougher control of the game by referees. After a dodgy start, it worked well in the World Cup. I think it will be good here as well but I'm not sure about banning the tackle from behind. Football's all about tackling and some of these people at FIFA want the tackle to disappear completely. Take away tackling and you've destroyed the game."

Ricky, 33: "I think it's up to the individual referee to use his common sense. They should know the difference between bad tackles and mistimed ones and the referees should only use their cards when they really need to and not for petty things like in the World Cup."

▷ MARK COLLINS SUPPORTS WYCOMBE

Mark, 21: "In general, I think the new crackdown by referees is a good thing. I'm not sure that outlawing the tackle from behind is a good thing though because it puts the ref under a lot of pressure. They might end up sending players off for perfectly good tackles where the ball has been won cleanly."



△ RUPERT BALTRÖCK & GAVIN WILSON SUPPORT CAMBRIDGE

Rupert, 17: "The new directives were completely over the top in the World Cup. I don't want to see them brought in to our game because it would just ruin every match. The only thing I like is getting injured players off the pitch to keep the game moving."

Gavin, 17: "I can see red and yellow cards flying about all over the place. It will be just like the World Cup - ridiculous, although it's fair enough to book someone if he's constantly

showing dissent. But the rest of it, forget it, they should leave our game alone."



△ KEITH MOORE & GARY RAUWSE SUPPORT CAMBRIDGE

Keith, 22: "I think the new ideas will get out of hand and the referees will go completely over the top. If they go too far it will just spoil the game. The referees in this country are already diabolical and they don't need any more help to make things worse."

Gary, 18: "The referees are bad enough already without clamp-downs and the lower the division the worse the referees are. There's going to be so many red and yellow cards that come Christmas some clubs won't be able to put a side out because they'll all be suspended."



△ MILES STARFOURTH, TIM BREND & JAMES BOWNASS SUPPORT CAMBRIDGE

Miles, 19: "I don't see why they have to change anything. It was working all right up to now and the referees have enough authority on the pitch to decide on any incidents that occur. I hope it doesn't all end up like the World Cup Finals. The new regulations ruined that."

Tim, 21: "You can't get away from the fact that football in this country is a physical game and tackling is all part of it. The new directives will just result in teams being decimated by sendings off and the English game will be ruined."

James, 22: "I don't think it's going to work. They'll just end up with loads of red cards. It will be ridiculous but after a while things will get back to normal, the same as last season."

▽ JOHN BREND & JON HUTCHINSON SUPPORT CAMBRIDGE

John, 19: "I think it's going to get well out of order. We will see games with players booked and sent off without making a bad tackle in the entire match. I think they're just tinkering with something they should leave alone. Referees should be allowed to use their own discretion and not have to follow a set of useless regulations."

Jon, 16: "I think it will encourage more attractive football with the skilful players being protected by the referees. The hard men have



been killing the game with ruthless challenges so I'm in favour of the clean-up."



△ DAVID INCE, PAUL FACER & IAN SISSONS SUPPORT CAMBRIDGE

David, 37: "I think it's a good idea and we'll see better games as it encourages attacking football. The tackle from behind should have been outlawed years ago, it's all long overdue. However, bringing the new directives in during the World Cup was a mistake as players had no time to adjust during the tournament."

Paul, 37: "I'm in favour of it if the players and referees are sensible about it. The game will be better for it and we'll see much more skill as well, especially now the tackle from behind is a sending-off offence."

Ian, 33: "I think it's all good except for sending-off for dissent. It should be like rugby where if you challenge the referees decision the free-kick gets moved forward ten yards. That would be enough."



△ ANTHONY FARRAR & ANN-MARIE FARRAR & PAUL DIXON SUPPORT CAMBRIDGE

Anthony, 26: "I'm for it, especially stopping treatment for injuries on the pitch. I'm a bit dubious about the tackle from behind being an offence because let's face it, you could win the ball cleanly and still risk being sent off. It could end up taking the spirit out of the game."

Ann-Marie, 16: "I enjoyed the way the game was handled by the referees in the World Cup so I'd welcome the introduction of the code to our set-up as long as they don't blow up for every tackle."

Paul, 28: "I think the referees have got to be sorted out really. There has to be more consistency in their decision-making. That has to be sorted out first before they start messing about with other things on the pitch."



△ MARTIN KEMPTON & JESS SALINAS SUPPORT WYCOMBE

Martin, 24: "The new directives are not a bad idea but I'm worried that some referees could get power crazy and book everyone for petty little things. It depends on the ref. We've had some bad ones here at Wycombe in the last couple of years and the new directives could make bad referees worse."

Jess, 27: "It's the same as with any rule change, like the back-pass rule. After a few months the players will get used to it. It will be different at first but it will settle down and they'll get to know what they can and what they can't get away with."