

Cleared Blues fans to sue police over arrest

CHILDREN were left stranded in Wembley Stadium after their football-supporting fathers were booted out of the ground by police, a court heard.

Wycombe Wanderers fans Nicky Campbell and David Price appeared before Brent magistrates on Monday charged with public order offences.

They were cleared after the court watched a video of an explosive crowd bust-up at Wanderers' Third Division play-off final against Preston, in May.

Now the pair plan to take legal action against officers, claiming they were wrongly accused.

Mr Campbell, 33, of Butlers Court Road, Beaconsfield, faced allegations of obstructing police. Mr Price, 34, of Tower Street, High Wycombe, was charged with using threatening words. Both denied the allegations.

The video showed the two men being carried out of the ground as dozens of police rushed to diffuse tension in the stands. The fathers told the court they were terrified over the safety of their children, left stranded in the crowd.

Magistrate Jack Nunes-Vaz said



Cleared: David, Nicky and children

there was an element of doubt over the men's guilt and dismissed the charges.

The pair, defending themselves, maintained they were badly treated by the Metropolitan Police's crowd control squad, the Territorial Support Group.

Mr Campbell accused PC Marcus Lee of punching a spectator in the scramble to eject spectators. PC Lee denied the allegation.

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Blues dads are cleared of big game fighting

THIS is one of the video images which led to the collapse of the controversial case against two Wycombe Wanderers fans.

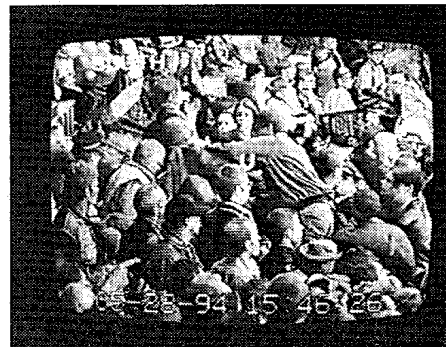
The series of pictures taken at Wembley Stadium in May show dads Nicky Campbell and David Price being carried from the ground as dozens of police moved in to diffuse tension.

The fathers were terrified for the safety of their three children left stranded in the crowd.

Both faced public order charges which they denied. On Monday the case against them was dismissed after Brent magistrates watched a video of events and decided the men were not guilty.

Mr Campbell, 33, of Butlers Court Road, Beaconsfield, was jubilant: "I feel we have been vindicated. I am disgusted we have had to come this far to prove we had done nothing wrong."

Former Wycombe firefighter Mr Price, 34, of Tower Street, High Wycombe, added: "I am just pleased this is all out of the way because it has



The video which cleared the dads

been hanging over our heads for months."

The men now plan to take legal action against the police over their treatment at the football match.

Mr Price's children, Phillip, 12, Dominik, eight, and Mr Campbell's son Lee, 13, were taken by friends to meet their fathers at the police station.

The families watched barely 30 minutes of the game.