

Is fast buck Blues' goal?

*Open letter to
Wycombe Wanderers' director,
Mr Alan Parry*

ON Saturday, January 7, 1995, I attended the West Ham FA Cup match with four friends. Our tickets were for our normal place in the ground, the Bucks Free Press end.

How disappointed we were to find that this end of the ground was not reserved for Wycombe Wanderers' supporters only. We were surrounded by West Ham supporters. This was not an isolated few, because talking to other people after the game, there were also West Ham supporters in the Woodland Terrace and in the Family Stand.

What happened to your segregation, Wycombe?

I would also like to comment on the vast numbers of people in the extremely overcrowded Vere Suite before and after the game. I tried to obtain a couple of day passes for the first game of the season for some friends who were on holiday in High Wycombe, only to be told that day passes were not available this season. Yet on Saturday, I saw a number of people enter the Vere Suite with day passes after the game.

Was this just pure greed, Wycombe?

Finally, the programme; why was it necessary to increase the price to £1.50. Yes, there were eight extra pages – four pages of adverts and four pages advertising Junior Blues, Senior Blues, True Blues and Blues Leagueline membership.

Yes, pure greed, Wycombe!

You saw the opportunity to make a fast buck and once again you exploited your own supporters.

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Wanderers' critic is 'Hammered'

MAY I express my deepest sympathy with Mr Knights's letter (January 13), for the appalling traumas he apparently suffered as a result of attending the Wycombe Wanderers v West Ham FA Cup match.

May I suggest he obtains some kind of professional counselling to help him get over having to stand near some West Ham supporters, lest he be emotionally scarred for life by the experience.

Also, Mr Knights points out that the Vere Suite, quite disgracefully, was crowded with people before and after the game – clearly an unacceptable situation which would be prevented in future simply by appointing stewards not only to check membership cards when supporters enter, but to prevent anyone entering until Mr Knights has arrived, bought his drink and sat down.

As for the blatant rip-off of increasing the programme price from £1.30 to £1.50, simply because it's an FA Cup match against Premiership opposition, I have enclosed 20 pence from my savings; perhaps the Bucks Free Press would be good enough to forward this on to Mr Knights, to ease the financial hardship he has endured.

You may by now have noticed a tinge of sarcasm in this letter (the lowest form of wit, of course). The football club will no doubt make their own 'official' response to Mr Knights's letter, and will probably be much more polite.

However, they will, I suggest, be thinking along the same lines as myself and thousands of other Wycombe Wanderers supporters: if it's space in the bar you want, no away fans near you on the terraces, and cheaper programmes, the solution is simple. Try Aylesbury United, or Slough Town, or Chesham United, or Marlow. You know it makes sense.

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