

Blues star still shines in West

UNABLE to go to Rotherham, I thought I would seek solace by supporting Marlow against Slough; and there was the answer to the ageing Wanderers' forward problem.

A brilliant, young, local centre forward scored a brilliant hat-trick – a superb chip, a flying header and a tremendous shot. Hardly seeming to move, he was always craftily away from his giant markers often out-jumping them. A Slough supporter told me some short-sighted local team had actually given him away!

If Cole is worth £7 million, then surely Martin could fork out £100,000 on this prolific, exciting youngster, now loved by all the Slough fans. His name was Mark West, by the way!

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Radio scores with Wanderers

FURTHER to criticisms that appeared in the local press last year, when elevenSEVENTY was unfairly slated for not covering the Wembley Play-Off Final live, the club feels that they have more than answered their critics by covering all Wycombe Wanderers' away matches live on the radio.

Firstly, elevenSEVENTY did carry live updates during the Division Three Play-Off Final at Wembley, and has more than shown its commitment to the local community by covering both Wycombe Wanderers and other local sporting events.

Secondly, the club would like to thank elevenSEVENTY for covering all our away matches this season, particularly those that were all-ticket.

Considering the costs involved, our local radio station has done extremely well to get all the matches sponsored to help cover the set fees they have to pay, especially to the home club.

Well done, elevenSEVENTY, as well as your commentator Alan Hutchinson (alias our press officer), whose infectious enthusiasm is a delight to listen to. Please keep it up for many seasons to come.

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LETTERS

Up the Sunday Combination

I AM writing to voice my disgust at the way you have stopped doing reports on the Wycombe Sunday Combination, and are trying to lay the blame at the feet of Mr Cyster.

Mr Cyster takes a lot of time and energy doing reports on matches, and just because Wycombe Wanderers are doing well you have decided there is no room for our reports and rip Mr Cyster's reports down to little more than just goal scorers. Maybe, if the Wanderers are unlucky enough to go back to the Conference, you'll find some extra space.

Also, could you explain why is it that the Maidenhead Advertiser can give more detailed reports than our own local newspaper?

I must say that I enjoy reading reports on Wycombe Wanderers but I do think that if you can't do an extra page of sport, then there are some things that could make way; for example, the page on Wanderers' next match, where you give a danger-man and prediction on the result.

I'm sure a lot of people feel the same way as myself and the players of Glory Mill FC do. I would like to think you would publish all of this letter, but I expect there's no room!

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Sports Editor's note: The Bucks Free Press repeats its request for teams in the High Wycombe Sunday Combination to send in reports. Please sent them to sportsdesk, by Tuesday lunchtime each week, at Bucks Free Press, Gomm Road, High Wycombe, HP13 7DW.

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Man in court for Blues assault

HIGH WYCOMBE: A 31-year-old man appeared before Wycombe Magistrates yesterday charged with assaulting Blues defender Jason Cousins.

Gary Bray, of Kilpin Hill Lane, Dewsbury, Yorkshire, is alleged to have punched Cousins in the face during Wycombe Wanderers' home game against Huddersfield Town on December 10 last year. The case was adjourned.

Off to the sun

WYCOMBE Wanderers football team will be jetting off to the Caribbean Island of Barbados on June 2 to represent the English clubs in the Anglo-Caribbean cup.

Fans are invited to support the team and represent Southern England in a fun football theme holiday including match ticket, transport, invite to reception, supporters fun tournament and calypso party. For further information call Mark Austin at the club on 0494 472100.

Blue wash-out

WYCOMBE'S match last Saturday against Wrexham was cancelled due to a water-logged pitch.

Wanderers at the Park

WYCOMBE Wanderers are set for a dramatic local derby at Wexham Park on February 21 in the Berks & Bucks Cup.

Wycombe qualified for the vital clash on Tuesday night, as they beat Chalfont St Peter 4-1 at Adams Park.

The rivalry between Wanderers and Rebels fans goes back years, and Town supporters will be relishing the chance to

put one over on the Endsleigh League Division Two side.

●Chesham United are this week's visitors to Wexham Park, and Dave Russell will be hoping for a celebration come 4.45.

Slough's local rivals are perilously close to the relegation zone, and have won just one of their last 10 games.

The Rebels will probably stick with the

side that lost 3-2 to Merthyr Tydfil on Tuesday, while the visitors will welcome back player-manager Paul Roberts as they return to full strength.

Garfield Blackman was the Slough scorer when they beat the Generals 1-0 back in August, but Russell says that he will remain firmly on the substitutes' bench: "Garfield knows what the score is - he's our supersub. He's got a job to do and he does that."