

Tickets shambles takes a new turn

WYCOMBE Wanderers fans are the victims of "shambolic" ticket sales arrangements for Saturday's away game at Shrewsbury Town.

Wycombe's secretary John Reardon described the situation as a shambles, after hearing yesterday from Shrewsbury that the game is now all-ticket, despite being informed last Monday that no tickets have to be bought in

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advance. Reardon initially persuaded Shrewsbury, under pressure from the police, to abandon all-ticket plans, because Wycombe were unlikely to take many fans to Gay Meadow. But Shrewsbury's latest about-turn has left Reardon exasperated.

A Shrewsbury spokesman said yesterday a chief inspector had ruled the game must be all-ticket, adding the situation could change again.

Wycombe's ticket sales are, for the moment, back on. Terrace tickets are £6 and stand tickets £10, from the commercial office, between 9.30am to 5pm, today, tomorrow and Thursday. There are no concessions.

Brown tots up one point too many

STEVE Brown, Wycombe's player of the month for December, begins a two-match suspension when they visit Slough in the Berks and Bucks Senior Cup second-round on Thursday (ko 7.30pm).

He will also miss Wycombe's game at Shrewsbury on Saturday. Brown's disciplinary points went into the red with a booking in the county cup game against Chalfont St Peter.

Former Blues striker Mark West has an ideal opportunity to put one over his old club in Thursday's match at Wexham Park, which has been brought forward. West has scored 27 goals for Slough this season.

Wycombe are expected to put out a reasonably strong side.

■ Miguel Desouza signed a two-and-a-half-year contract with Wycombe on Thursday.

The 24-year-old striker was initially on-loan when he joined Blues from Birmingham nearly two weeks ago. He has cost Wycombe £50,000, which is £10,000 more than their previous record fee. Another £35,000 will wing its way to Birmingham if Wanderers make the play-offs.

■ Wycombe's youth team won their second South East Counties League match of the season when they beat Wokingham 1-0 at Molins thanks to a Damian Devor goal.

■ Alan Parry is guest speaker at the Independent Supporters Club's meeting on Thursday, starting at 8pm. The supporters club are also running a coach to Shrewsbury. Telephone Tim Rutland on (01494) 441131 for further details.