

Riot thug got ban for Blues pitch invasion

A FOOTBALL hooligan convicted of invading Wycombe Wanderers' pitch last year was among those arrested following the soccer riot in Ireland, Midweek can reveal today.

Paul Dodd, 23, of Denton Street, Carlisle, pleaded guilty at Wycombe Magistrates Court on May 19 to unlawfully entering the play area during the match against Carlisle on May 18. He was banned from attending any national or international match for 12 months.

He was among those arrested at England's friendly match with Ireland last Wednesday in Dublin. He was given a suspended sentence.

● Youths hiding in trees behind the ground hurled stones on to the Adams Park pitch during Blues' game against Rotherham on Saturday.

Several 'fist-sized' missiles narrowly missed fans standing in the Woodland Terrace. Midweek features editor Andy Chatfield, who witnessed the scene, said: "The stones could have hit children."

PC Steve Kirby, football liaison officer for High Wycombe police, said: "It was a dangerous thing to do." He said the offenders escaped through the woods.

Wycombe Wanderers club secretary John Reardon said: "We are very concerned. We will try to take steps to rectify the position."