

Fans brave big chill for Blues

BACKCHAT has finally unearthed the loopy Blues fans who are prepared to let the colour of their legs match that of the team they follow.

Regular readers will recall how I asked for the bunch of chaps, who are trying to wear shorts for as long as possible into the season, to come forward.

So thanks to Bob Cairney, chairman of the Official Wycombe Wanderers Supporters Club, for explaining what it was all about.

A testing time in shorts

He said: "It all started off in the pre-season during the summer. We were all wearing shorts and taking the mickey out of each other.

"They came up with the idea of paying 50p per match. Whoever goes the longest wins the money."

The sturdy chaps left in this great contest, which Backchat will monitor as closely as Blues push

towards Division One, are Alan Dixon, Keith Adams and Sean Cross.

They are girding their loins for their toughest test to date, a hike to Carlisle, a week on Saturday.

Bob revealed: "I have bet Keith that I don't reckon he will wear his shorts there." Let's hope he wears something.

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WYCOMBE Wanderers has invited Year Six at Sands Middle School to spend the day either on November 22 or 23 to participate in the club's Learning Through Football programme at Adams Park. Schoolteacher (and coach) Malcolm Keenan says the reason he likes the football-based contribution is that it is "cross curricular and national curriculum friendly" dealing with topics in maths, history, geography, science and art.

The school's own soccer set-up is quite varied: Malcolm coaches Years Four, Five and Six; and Crispin Andrews coaches Year Seven.

Year Four has 30 members in its football club - boys and girls, meanwhile Year Five has more than 20 boys and girls, who play occasional matches. Years Six and Seven have actual teams that compete in cups and friendlies, either six or 11 a-side. Due to Football Association rules, girls cannot yet play in cup competitions.

Year Seven was eliminated recently from the cup by a strong Manor Park team, but all is not lost. Years Six and Seven also have a lively inter-house competition, organised by the children.

Put on the spot, Malcolm cited as youngsters with special promise: Rebecca Wallace, Sebastien Vaniere, Peter Croft, Dean Johnson, Carly Hall, Qadeer Khan, William Morris (looking forward to his trial with Wycombe Wanderers), Darren Bone, Dean Slaughter, Michael Butcher and Asim Khan.