

Disagreement is sad for all



**VIEW FROM
THE STAND**
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AFTER 248 games for the Blues, it looks like Paul Hyde will be on his way and Alan Smith will be seeking a permanent replacement.

While I believe Hyde had every right to enquire about his future with the club, he appears to have overplayed his hand by putting in a transfer request.

Unfortunately for Hyde, no club has declared an interest in his availability and his rash move seems to have resulted in an own goal.

The Bald Eagle says he has invited Hyde to withdraw his transfer request, but without success. Consequently, he believes he had no option but to bring in a new goalkeeper for last week's match.

Like all disagreements, there are two sides to this story and the longer the dispute goes on, the worse it will get.

Maybe the manager should have dealt with Hyde's original request to talk about his long-term future more sympathetically, without making any firm commitments. If Hyde doesn't want to be left out in the cold, he will now have to swallow his pride and withdraw his transfer request.

Whatever the rights and wrongs, surely someone at the club could act as a mediator and help settle this dispute to everyone's benefit. If they don't, we are going to lose a loyal and talented goalkeeper – without getting a transfer fee – and will have to pay out for a replacement.

It was sad to see Chuck has been released after being the number two goalkeeper for so long. Just one league match to remember after all those hours spent in pre-match warm-ups.

Still, we will always recall his heroics at Wembley in the five-a-side tournaments.

As we got hammered 4-1 at Wrexham last season, and they had won their last five home games, while we had not won for six matches – Saturday's defeat was hardly a surprise. Our six bookings and one sending off was a bit of a shock – shades of our early-season battles with referees.

At first sight, Cousins' aerial challenge looked reckless but the slow-motion replay showed it was more of a 'handbags' clash. However, you can't deny his arm was raised and, with referees being told to punish this action, the red card, like the result, was not surprising.

Blues host Cup battle

A CROWD of 2,253 watched Woking beat Enfield 2-1 in their FA Cup second-round replay at Adams Park on Tuesday.

The match was played at Wycombe because of building work at Woking's Kingfield ground.

Former Blues stars Steve Thompson and Andy Kerr were expected to do battle for Woking and Enfield respectively.

■ Blues youth team's South East Counties League game at home to Wimbledon was postponed on Saturday because of the weather.

■ Wycombe Wanderers Independent Supporters Club is holding a Christmas Party at the Trades and Social Club, Queens Road, tomorrow, starting at 8pm. Tickets are £3 (£2 non members).

Welcome home to Blues News

HIGH WYCOMBE: Blues News, the official newspaper of Wycombe Wanderers, is back in the BFP next week.

It kicks off by giving away 100 tickets to see the Blues play Shrewsbury Town next Saturday.

Pupils on TV

HIGH WYCOMBE: Around 450 grammar school pupils starred in a major BBC drama – because their haircuts and uniforms matched the 1950s. Headteacher Andrew MacTavish said: "It's a great compliment."

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Ex-goalie dies

HIGH WYCOMBE: Former Wycombe Wanderers goalie Herbert Thomson has died aged 80.

'Herby', from Little Kingshill, was 6ft 6in tall and played for the Blues during the 1940s.

Club secretary John Reardon said: "The club sends its sympathies to his family."