

# Fans jeer Smith

WYCOMBE Wanderers fans have turned their anger on Blues boss Alan Smith after the side put in another disappointing display on Saturday against relegation-candidates Swansea.

Unwilling to disguise their disgust any longer, some of Wycombe's supporters who stuck out Saturday's performance until the bitter end, booed Smith off the pitch after his side's 1-0 defeat.

But the assault on the beleaguered Blues manager did not stop there, with fans inundating the Bucks Free Press this week with letters complaining about the atmosphere, they claim, Smith has created at Adams Park.

"We have acquired a manager who, from his comments to the press, treats both fans and players with contempt," says Brian Hughes in one.

Another adds: "The flack you (Smith) receive from the Wycombe supporters has been brought about by your own attitude to us."

Smith, however, hit back at his

accusers, saying: "I am not 'not bothered' about the supporters. Some of the criticism is unfair."

Wycombe hope to finish their last home game of the season against Carlisle tomorrow on a high note but the visitors are desperate for a win to avoid relegation.

With attendances down by around 1,200, compared to this time last year, Blues have already lost revenue, although they refused to give any figures until the finances are announced to shareholders and directors.

Total ticket receipts for last season amounted to £361,000, £288,000 of which came from season ticket holders.

■ Wycombe have announced their programme of pre-season friendlies.

**Friendlies:** Tues, July 30: Slough (a); Sat, Aug 3: Woking (a); Tues, Aug 6: Southampton (h); Sat, Aug 10: Charlton (h); Tues, Aug 13: Birmingham (h).

■ Blues beat Welling 1-0 in the Capital League on Wednesday night.

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## Smith faces critics

ALAN Smith will be the guest speaker at Wycombe Wanderers Independent Supporters Club Forum on Monday.

The forum will give Wanderers supporters the chance to question the Blues boss about his role at Wycombe.

The evening is due to start at 8pm and will be held at the Trades and Social Club, Queen's Road, High Wycombe.

Independent Supporters Club members will be given free admission. The cost for non-members is £1.

## Ground work reward

WYCOMBE Wanderers groundsman Jim Gardner has scooped a top award for his care of the Adams Park pitch.

Gardner has been chosen as the Division Two Groundsman of the Year, beating off the likes of Burnley and Stockport to bring some silverware back to Wycombe.

The popular groundsman admits, though, there is no secret formula for his success, just 'hard work'.

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