



**Blues' kids make a friend**

VISITORS to Wycombe Wanderers' second open day were so entranced by the club's new all-seater stand, they sat gazing at it throughout Sunday's four-hour event.

"They were prepared to sit looking at it for hours," said Wycombe's proud marketing manager Mark Austin.

Blues' building contractors are working round the clock to complete the stand in time for the club's first home league game of the season on Saturday, August 24.

Meanwhile, more than 1,500 people flocked through the Adams Park gates on Sunday to meet the players, manager Alan Smith and have a look behind the scenes.

Smith fielded fans' questions in a forum and there was also a fashion show featuring the club's new home and away strips.

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## By ALAN BARBER

ADAMS PARK was overrun by visitors who took advantage of Wycombe Wanderers' second annual open day on Sunday.

Hundreds thronged through the gates for a behind-the-scenes look at the club with the new £2 million all-seater Woodlands stand the main attraction. Some were happy to spend the afternoon watching building work continue as Blues race against time to finish it in time for the new season.

"We were absolutely swamped," said sales and marketing manager Mark Austin.

"We were so inundated we didn't have enough giveaways for the children. The club shop was packed, the new shirts were flying out of the door, and we ran out of burgers, buns and teas. It is great for the team and the club that it went so well," he said.

There were live interviews with manager Alan Smith and several first team players during the afternoon. The Vere Suite was so full many spectators had to stand in corridors and outside the open fire escapes to listen. A fashion show was estimated to have attracted an audience of 500.

Plans are already afoot to hold another open day in September.



## Fans swamp the Blues at open day

WYCOMBE Wanderers fans enjoyed a live interview with Alan Smith during the club's popular open day.

Football freebies were handed out and first-team players mingled with fans during the day at Adams Park, on Sunday. The event attracted more than

1,500 fans, who also enjoyed a football fashion show and a chance to see the new stand, the boot-rooms and the gym.

Wanderers' sales and marketing manager Mark Austin hailed the club's second open day a great success. He said: "We were inundated. We didn't have enough giveaways to give to the children. It got to the situation where even the balloons ran out. We were absolutely swamped."

**Captain Terry Evans with fans Ryan Lewin, four, and Hannah Turner, 12** Ref: 96-02587-F6