

Football boss helps victim of mugging



His saviour: Martin O'Neill

MUGGING victim David Day was rescued by former Wycombe Wanderers boss Martin O'Neill after being beaten up on the way home from a New Year's Eve party.

Blues fan David then used the opportunity to ask for his hero's autograph as he lay on the ground being comforted by Mr O'Neill.

David, 28, of The Pastures, Downley, collapsed after being kicked in the groin and ribs outside Boots, in Station Road, Beaconsfield, at 1.15pm on Wednesday.

He maintained he could have frozen to death in the sub-zero temperatures if Mr O'Neill, now manager at Leicester City, had not stopped to help.

David said: "I remember an Irish accent saying 'are you alright?' I gradually realised it was Martin O'Neill. I remember asking him if he had a pen so I could get his autograph."

Mr O'Neill, of Beaconsfield, was driving home with his wife and two children when they saw David. He said: "We turned the car round and asked him if he was alright. I sent my wife home to call for an ambulance and gave him a coat."

Mr O'Neill added: "I hope I would have only done what anybody else would have done. A group of teenagers also stopped to help and threw their coats over him."

He said he did not give David his autograph because he thought it was more important to get him to hospital.

David was attacked after leaving Fifth Avenue nightclub, in Maxwell Road, Beaconsfield. He was taken to Wycombe Hospital suffering from a groin injury and bruised ribs.