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Blues fans will do anything to see their team



High Wycombe and hurry: Wanderers Bob Lewis

BACKCHAT this week says a hearty G'day to the latest entrant in our competition to find Wycombe Wanderers' most far-flung fan.

Australian-based Bob Lewis loves the Blues so much that he is prepared to travel half-way round the world to see them.

Bob, who emigrated in 1968, rings his mates at home every week to find out the latest Blues results.

And he will be back in the old country in time to cheer on the team in their Boxing Day local derby with Watford. Old school chum and Wanderers matchday announcer Alan Hutchinson said: "Bob rang me on Sunday morning to tell me he had seen me on Sky television after the Basingstoke match."

I hope Bob hasn't heard the result of the replay otherwise he might cancel his flight.

Bob may be the most far-off fan we

have found so far, but mother-of-three Josephine Bristow, from Aberdeen, must rival him for dedication to the side.

She was even sacked from her job because she took time off to see them.

The 58-year-old, who moved to Scotland 20 years ago, said: "I always speak to my sister every week and ask her how Wycombe Wanderers are getting on – that is where my hometown is and I am not very keen on Aberdeen's team."

"I lost my job because I wanted to go to the Isthmian League final at Wembley on a Saturday in the 1950s and I took the afternoon off."

Bob has stolen the title of 'Backchat's most far-flung fan'.

Last week we featured Wycombian Ray Newell, who has followed Wanderers for 25 years from his Cumbrian home.

Let us pray the Blues don't end up Down Under in the third division themselves at the end of the season.