
Yobs must be stopped now

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LAST weekend was not a good one for football. With the tragic death at Gillingham, pitch invasions and attempted assaults on referees the impression is given that we are slipping back into the bad old days.

There is no doubt that the pressure on managers and players is now so great that they will resort to virtually anything to win at all costs. This tension communicates to the supporters and regrettably there is still a small element who are only too ready to seize upon any excuse to cause trouble and a critical decision against them is good enough.

Referees are human and make mistakes but I believe these mistakes balance themselves out over a season. But some players are incapable of accepting decisions without displays of histrionics which would not be out of place on stage at the Wycombe Swan.

Players are not supposed to run into the crowd celebrating a goal. But it happened at Barnsley after Liverpool scored the winner, despite what had happened beforehand. Didn't they think of the effect on the crowd?

We have all got responsibilities in this area. When Bill Shankly said football was more important than life or death he surely did not foresee last weekend's tragedy at Gillingham.

It is up to us to make sure it does not happen again.

Cousins back

BOURNEMOUTH v WYCOMBE

A preview of tomorrow's Division Two clash

DEFENDER Jason Cousins goes straight back into Neil Smillie's threadbare squad for tomorrow's trip to Auto Windscreen finalists Bournemouth.

Cousins is available after suspension and Smillie kept him off Wednesday's reserve match because he could not risk anyone else joining his injury list.

Paul McCarthy, is taking longer than expected to recover from his hernia operation and is not in full training yet, while his defensive partner, Michael Forsyth, will not play again this season. Steve McGavin is also on the treatment table with a complicated foot problem.