

LETTER

Racism shock for Blues fan

I HAVE just attended a meeting at Adams Park on the subject of racism in football.

Anyone who thinks racism is not a problem for members of ethnic minority groups who go along to watch Wycombe Wanderers should have attended Thursday's meeting.

Perhaps it was lack of advance publicity, but I was amazed to find that I was the only person present in his own right – ie not representing the Independent Supporters' Association (whose officers arranged the meeting); the Official Supporters Club; outside bodies (police and Racial Equality Council) or a member of an ethnic minority group.

Surely I am not alone in wondering why people from ethnic minorities are so grossly under-represented at Adams Park. I went along hoping to gain at least some insight into why this is so.

What emerged – verbal abuse (from Wycombe fans) and general feelings of insecurity – should not perhaps have come as a great surprise, given the state of race relations in the community generally, but as a Wycombe supporter for 30 years, I have to say that I have never heard abuse being directed at anyone from an ethnic minority.

The reason of course may well be that so few attend matches, which is sad, but saddest of all was the fact that there was not a single representative of the football club at the meeting.

The impression given, rightly or wrongly, was that no one at the club had any curiosity as to why they were being denied a potentially substantial additional source of revenue.

Name & address supplied

Dreamers, we need you

YOU'VE discussed it in the pub – now's your chance to discuss it on the internet. Who would be in your all-time Wycombe Wanderers dream team?

Who is the best goalkeeper, striker or centre half that has ever graced the turf at Adams Park or Wanderers' old ground Loakes Park?

Would any of Neil Smillie's current team get a look in if the best all-time XI was picked?

Would England B winger Steve Guppy get the nod? What about Tony Horseman the club's greatest ever goalscorer? Or fans' favourite Mark West?

Does Miquel Desouza's record number of league goals make him a certainty in the side? And with Mark Stallard hot on his heels, does that make him a possible?

How about goalkeepers. Who was the best? Paul Hyde maybe, or John Maskell?

And would you be able to pick a Wanderers team without mid-field fixture Dave Carroll?

Vote for your team now by visiting our web site (<http://www.bucksfreepress.co.uk>). We will publish the final results in the BFP for all readers to see.

There are no set rules as to whom you pick. If you've seen them play and you think they are the best in that position then pick them. Work on a traditional 4-4-2 system with four outfield subs and a goalie on the bench.