

Re-think for ball girl's court case

THE 14-year-old schoolgirl who is suing Huddersfield Town and their former player Kevin Blackwell, after she was hit by a stray ball during the warm-up before a match against Wanderers at Adams Park in 1994, has had her case adjourned until the new year.

Charlotte Morris is now hoping to reach an out of court settlement with Huddersfield after admitting that she thought the action would be taken against Wycombe because it happened at their ground rather than against Huddersfield.

Her solicitor Simon Blakely reassured Wanderers this week that neither he nor Morris have any intention of now turning their claim against Wanderers.

He said: "Charlotte is not after financial gain but wants a day out at Huddersfield Town or the chance to be a ball girl for the day. She didn't go into it looking for a payout all she wanted was for the club to say they were sorry."

● Steve Brown has been booked every time he has played against his

Action is put back to the new year

former club Northampton.

He was booked in both the home and away games last season and completed his hat-trick with a first-half yellow card last Saturday.

● Jason Cousins was suspended for last Saturday's trip to Northampton but that did not stop the superstitious star from doing his bit to help his team-mates.

Captain Cousins was co-commentating on the match for elevenSeventy radio with Alan Hutchinson and refused to change seats at half time because Wanderers had done well in the first half. And it worked.

Blues continued to play well after the break and earned a point which moved them off the bottom for the first time this season.

● Wycombe are re-printing last

Tuesday's Manchester City programme for fans who could not get a copy on the night.

Blues under-estimated the demand and printed only 3,000 matchday magazines for the clash leaving hundreds of fans disappointed.

It is the first time Wanderers have reprinted a programme and it will be on sale from the programme hut at Adams Park tomorrow.

● The 8,090 fans who saw Wanderers beat Manchester City paid record receipts for a league match at Adams Park but the figure, which Wanderers will not disclose, did not beat the £61,221 set for the West Ham FA Cup third round game in 1995.

The crowd was Wanderers' second highest for a league match, beaten only by the 8,348 who saw the Watford game last February.

It also set a record for sponsorship receipts with sponsors and guests paying more than £25,000.

● The FA Youth Cup clash at Brentford has been rescheduled to Tuesday, November 24 at Griffin Park (ko 7pm) after being

postponed for the second time on Wednesday.

Last week the juniors drew 1-1 at Oxford.

Tomorrow, they entertain Reading at Molins (ko 11am) before facing Birmingham in the FA Youth Cup on Tuesday night (ko 7pm).

● Former Wanderers assistant manager Richard Hill, now scouting for Derby, was among the crowd who saw the Manchester City clash.

● Blues boss Ivor Beeks is pleading with the fans who packed Adams Park on Tuesday night to come back again.

He said: "I would like to see them come back on Saturday and for the rest of the season. They saw a great game tonight and I'm sure they enjoyed themselves."

● Goalkeeper Martin Taylor says his thorough pre-match warm up routine paid dividends as he was able to cope with Manchester City's early onslaught on Tuesday night.

Taylor said: "I like to go out and have a dive around before the match so that I'm ready for it when it begins."

Scott pines for the bad old days of Basingstoke

KEITH Scott goes into FA Cup action against Chesterfield at Adams Park tomorrow wishing it was Basingstoke he was facing.

The Hampshire non-leaguers knocked Wanderers out on penalties last year in one of the worst nights in the club's history and it was Scott who missed the last penalty as the part-timers went through.

Scott said: "We all wanted Basingstoke again this year. It was terrible being giant-killed last year and the fact that it was on penalties made it even harder to bear. We would have liked to have another go at them."

Scott's Basingstoke dream could still come off in the second round, if they beat Bournemouth tomorrow and Wanderers see off a Chesterfield side who reached the semi-final of the

competition two years ago.

Eight of that team which took Middlesbrough to a replay are still there, and they have helped Chesterfield to sixth in the second division at the moment.

Scott said: "We've got the home draw which is what we wanted and it's up to us to go through. But Chesterfield are a hard side to beat and we will have to be on top of their game."

Blues will be anxious to win the tie outright tomorrow and avoid a replay. Chesterfield have never won at Adams Park, but likewise Wycombe have not won at Chesterfield.

Blues will be without Nicky Mohan who is suspended following his sending off against Reading.

Chesterfield, who have not won away but have

drawn at Millwall, Stoke and Man City, expect to be unchanged from the side which has won their last three home matches, all by 3-0.

While Scott wanted Basingstoke, Blues boss Neil Smillie is happy to have avoided any non-leaguers and a potential banana skin.

He said: "I'm happy to be at home and happy it is against a league club. Non league clubs tend to up their play to a level they didn't think they were capable of when they get a league club in the FA Cup.

"It is an important competition for us. It gives every team a chance of covering themselves in a bit of glory and earning some extra money."

Fans are reminded that tickets bought today are £1 cheaper than those bought on the match-day itself.