

The force is with Blues supporters

OFFICIAL LINES
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SUPPORTERS who went to Preston and were the victims of heavy handed stewarding and policing were delighted this week when the police agreed to recommend improvements to the controlling of matches at Deepdale.

Fans were subjected to abuse from the officials inside and outside the ground. Even one of the players mums was verbally abused.

We wrote to the Lancashire police and were delighted with how seriously they took our complaints.

On Wednesday they sent three officers down to Adams Park, including the match commander, to meet a dozen concerned supporters.

Following a very constructive meeting, in which both sides put their point of view, the Lancashire Police agreed that improvements could be made and will go back to Preston and make recommendations to their stewards.

Wycombe supporters generally have a good reputation and we guard that jealously. The police and the stewards were acting in a heavy-handed manner from the start and seemed to have a pre-conceived idea that we were troublemakers. This is not the case and we were delighted to set the record straight with the Lancashire Constabulary who since the matter have acted in a very professional and positive manner.

Cousins is out in front for award

IT'S still not too late to vote for your Wycombe Wanderers Player of the Year.

Voting will carry on right up until Saturday, May 1 to decide the Blues favourite this season.

And already a clear front-runner has emerged in the shape of Wycombe's club captain Jason Cousins.

He is already winning a large percentage of the supporters vote for his inspired performances in what has been a difficult season for Wanderers.

But there are plenty of other Blues who are also in on the running.

Goalkeeper Martin Taylor, who has produced so many match-winning saves this term, is also up there as is midfield marvel Steve Brown.

And new boy Sean Devine has already been taken to the heart by Wycombe fans.

He's picking up a share of the votes for his contribution to Blues' Great Escape since joining the club at the end of March.

To vote, simply fill in the form on the right and return it to us by May 1 and, if your name is pulled out of the hat, you could be presenting your favourite Wanderer with his Player of the Year Award on the Adams Park pitch before the Wigan game on Wednesday, May 5.

● The supporters club will be running a coach to Chesham for the Berks and Bucks Senior Cup final against Maidenhead on Bank Holiday Monday, May 3 at 1.30pm. The fare is £2. Please book with Rena as usual.

● You are still not too late to book for the supporters club annual dinner on Friday, April 30.

Please ring Harold Lunnon on (01494) 44068 by Sunday.

It promises to be a really good night with David Langdon doing his famous cartoons and Lawrie Sanchez in attendance.

● Finally I have to finish with a grouse (not the famous type).

There has been an outbreak lately of parents leaving small boys on the supporters coach without making arrangements to collect them afterwards. If you put lads on the coach please make arrangements to pick them up afterwards.

LETTERS

Stop your moaning Parry

AS a Wycombe Wanderers season ticket holder I read the sports pages in the BFP every week and I think it's about time someone asks Alan Parry if he can stop misconstruing other people's columns (Boardroom Banter, April 16).

I cannot comment on Ms Hoy's as I didn't see it but I can comment on Sharon Deighton's.

Firstly, she was quoting what she had heard regarding an easy run in and she thought, like most of us, we had no easy games left. Either playing teams fighting for second division survival or the Stokes and Man Citys of the division.

Okay, since then we did get a well deserved point at Stoke and, yes, I did go, but I hope there's no illusion of it being an easy game at Maine Road.

Secondly, the rumour about the home terrace. Why did the club have to wait for Sharon to mention this before they decided to quash it?

The rumour had been going on for long enough, or are they like ostriches, burying their heads in the sand and hoping it will go away? Unfortunately it doesn't.

How can you say Lawrie Sanchez has sadly not converted everyone. Sharon stated she thought he had come about six games too late and I know a lot of fans agree.

So why all the condescending remarks or is it just a way to fill your own column?

J Meechan
High Wycombe

HOW THEY STAND

Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Fulham	41	17	2	1	42	10	11	5	4	27	17	93
Walsall	42	12	6	3	33	20	12	2	7	25	22	80
Man City	43	12	6	3	33	12	9	9	4	29	17	78
Preston	43	12	5	5	45	22	10	6	5	30	22	77
Gillingham	43	14	5	3	41	17	5	9	7	25	26	71
Bourn'th	42	14	5	2	37	11	6	6	9	24	28	71
Stoke	41	9	4	8	29	28	10	2	8	25	25	63
Wigan	39	11	4	4	34	14	7	4	9	25	26	62
Chest'field	42	14	4	4	34	16	3	7	10	11	24	62
Millwall	41	9	7	5	31	21	8	3	9	18	26	61
Reading	43	9	6	7	27	26	6	7	8	24	31	58
Blackpool	42	6	8	7	21	21	7	5	9	18	27	52
Wrexham	42	8	6	8	21	26	5	6	9	21	32	51
Notts Co	41	7	5	7	26	23	6	5	11	22	33	49
Luton	42	9	4	8	23	24	4	6	11	23	33	49
Colchester	42	8	7	6	22	26	3	8	10	23	35	48
Burnley	42	7	7	8	22	33	4	7	9	25	37	47
Bristol R	42	7	8	6	30	26	3	8	9	23	22	46
Oldham	42	6	4	10	22	27	6	5	11	21	32	45
York City	42	5	8	8	27	32	6	3	12	26	42	44
North'pton	42	4	9	7	18	23	6	5	12	16	26	44
Wycombe	41	7	4	10	27	23	3	8	10	16	28	41
Lincoln	41	8	4	8	26	25	3	3	15	10	44	40
Macc'field	41	7	4	9	19	22	3	5	13	16	31	39

It's never been cheaper to watch the Wanderers play

SUPPORTERS are set for a freebie bonanza as the season reaches it climax.

Monday night's home reserve game against Arsenal is Family Fun night with kids, students and pensioners getting in for nothing and adults paying just £1. Entry is also free to season ticket holders and Leagueline members.

The match kicks off at 7pm and the turnstiles open at 5.45pm.

Club secertary Ian Moat is hoping to set a

record reserve crowd of between 4,000 and 5,000 on what will be a carnival occasion. Music will be played every time the ball goes out of play and there will be free face painting, a bouncy castle and penalty competition.

And, as revealed in last week's BFP, the club is also offering free coach travel to the final Nationwide League game of the season at Lincoln City to any supporter who buys a match ticket from the Commercial Offices at Adams

Park or Wanderers in Town.

Those match tickets, standing only, go on sale today. Anyone who books and does not turn up on the day will incur a £10 travel charge.

The Bucks Free Press has also teamed up with Wanderers to offer 1,000 free tickets to children for the Wigan Athletic match at Adams Park on May 5. To claim a ticket all you have to do is come into our reception at Gomm Road, High Wycombe and pick one up.