

Sports fans letting the side down

WYCOMBE Wanderers manager Lawrie Sanchez hit the nail on the head when he said the town does not deserve the team he's assembling at Adams Park.

He was right to blow his top at the stay-away fans who reduced the crowd to just 5,000 against West Brom on Tuesday when the Blues were trying to reach the third round of the Worthington Cup for the first time in their history.

The only competition Wycombe's sports fans would win is an apathy contest. Their laissez-faire attitude is not just restricted to Wycombe Wanderers either.

Will Carling had to cancel his rugby talk show in Wycombe because no one bought tickets. Frank Bruno, Britain's best-loved sportsman, held his chat show in front of a ghostly Swan theatre which was three-quarters empty. And only this week the Embassy Darts Roadshow at Cressex Community Centre became something of a no-go area for the townsfolk.

You could probably let everyone into Adams Park for free and the ground still wouldn't be full.

Come on everyone, show us what good sports you really are!

WANDERERS SHORTS

Carroll signs

MIDFIELDER Dave Carroll is set to sign a new one-year extension to his contract after celebrating his 33rd birthday this week with a belting goal in the Worthington Cup against West Brom.

Carroll, who is one of the survivors of the non-league days, is delighted to accept the terms.

He said: "It's great to have happened now. I didn't expect to be even talking about a new contract until after Christmas."

"When you get to my age you think it could be your last contract but I think I've been playing quite well."

Carroll, nicknamed Jesus by the fans, celebrated his new security with a fantastic goal which took Tuesday night's cup match into extra time.

He said: "I haven't scored one like that for a long time."

He then went close to winning the tie with another thumping drive which goalkeeper Alan Miller needed help from his defender to keep out.

Wraight leaves

BLUES have cut their wage bill by releasing Gary Wraight with almost a year left on his contract.

The 20-year-old defender will now link up with former Wanderers' assistant manager Richard Hill who wants to sign him for his Nationwide Conference leaders Stevenage Borough.

Wraight, who came up through the ranks at Adams Park, has made just seven appearances for the club and has not featured at all this season.

The lack of first team action frustrated him and he was released by his contract by mutual consent.

No transfer fee will be involved in his move to Stevenage.

Pay for Brown

WYCOMBE have been told they will have to pay a transfer fee if they want to pursue their interest in Thame United defender Martin Brown. Oxford United are also looking at the 23-year-old.

Voting time

WANDERERS are trying again to change their articles of association after consultation with supporters' groups.

They need 75 per cent of the membership to vote in favour.

The changes include giving the directors the right to expel an 'unfit' member. But this time there's provision for an appeal heard by two directors and a member.

Another change limits the number of members the directors can appoint outside the three-year rule to five per cent of the total membership in one year.

Another proposal limits the maximum number of members permitted per box holder to six unless the box holder is able to produce evidence of family membership.

The final change allows members who are suspended because of circumstances, such as moving away due to business etc, to request not to be suspended. Requests will be discussed by the board who have the sole right to determine the issue.