

Play a part in Blues' success

WYCOMBE Wanderers are desperate to attract more supporters to their matches at Adams Park.

Manager Lawrie Sanchez says without more fans, Wycombe will always remain a second division team at best.

But you cannot buy new fans like you can buy a player. They have to be won over and coaxed in.

That is why we sent football virgin Debra Aspinall and her family down to watch Wycombe Wanderers versus Reading last Saturday and asked her to compare the whole experience with other family days out.

Wycombe won 5-3 and Debra gave the whole experience the big thumbs up, rating it as better value than Thorpe Park, and the food better than McDonald's.

She is even going to go back, although she accepts that there won't be eight goals every time.

The theory is that a team plays better with great support, so if all of us went once in a while, we might have even more to cheer about.

Praise for the fans but it's just a start

BLUES boss Lawrie Sanchez thanked the fans who produced Wycombe's biggest crowd of the season against Reading on Saturday and said "Now stay with us."

More than 7,000 fans answered his plea for support and were rewarded as Blues won an eight-goal thriller.

Afterwards Sanchez said: "I've given the crowd plenty of stick, but I was delighted that they turned out in numbers."

"They were brilliant today but there's a season of football to be played. I tell my players that it's not one performance that matters, it's 46 - it's the same for the fans."

"I expect them all to be back next week for the Cambridge game. That will be the test, it's not a local derby and it's not quite as glamorous as playing Reading."

Tommo is on the up again

Yeovil 1 Dover 1

STEVE THOMPSON is aiming for a Conference title double.

The chunky midfielder helped Wycombe reach the Football League in 1993.

Now he aims to boss Yeovil into the big time.

But first Thompson must convince Yeovil's board he can fill the hotseat surprisingly vacated by Colin Lippiatt just a fortnight after Yeovil topped the table for the first time ever.

Doomed

Tommo, given a six-week trial, looked doomed to a first-day defeat against lively Dover until sub Adrian Foster headed a brilliant point-saver in the third minute of stoppage time.

Yeovil are riding high in third place but have not played well and Thompson's midfield skills are missed.

A calf injury has limited

him to just five minutes of action this season.

He said: "I'm having a scan this week and hope I'll be clear to train but we have a big squad and should be able to win even with three men out."

Lippiatt is now Geoff Chapple's No 2 at Kingstorian after working with him at Woking for 10 years.

Dover's impressive mid-field playmaker Simon Worrell cleared off the line from a goal-bound Jason Eaton header and was robbed by a last-ditch clearance at the other end.

Steve Brown fired Dover ahead six minutes from time but Yeovil threw everyone forward and Foster nodded a Rob Cousins cross past Paul Hyde.

Hyde, a former Wycombe team-mate of Thompson, said: "It was sickening to lose two points like that."