

BLUES GET BORO

Blues draw non-league Harrow but it doesn't cheer up Sanchez

FOOTBALL
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WYCOMBE Wanderers have been drawn at home to Ryman League part-timers Harrow Borough in the FA Cup first round on Saturday, November 18.

But neighbours Chesham United missed out on a big FA Cup pay-day and a home clash against Brian Little's Hull City. Chesham went out when they crashed 2-0 at home to nine-man Kettering in an explosive last round qualifying match at The Meadow.

Chesham's disappointment, coupled with Aylesbury's 1-0 defeat at home to Bracknell, means that Wanderers are once again left on their own to fly the Buckinghamshire flag in the first round proper.

But not even the prospect of a home tie against Ryman Premier Division Harrow could cheer up a despondent Wycombe boss Lawrie Sanchez.

He hit the depths of despair after seeing his goal-shy Blues crash 2-1 at home to Bristol City on Saturday despite dominating the second half and he had another attack on the club's stay-away fans after only 4,677 home fans bothered to turn up on Saturday.

Sanchez said: "Harrow Borough - what will we get 2,000 people in here for that? We made no money from the Worthington Cup. The supporters aren't particularly interested in League football when we are sixth in the table, so playing Harrow Borough will be of little interest to our fans.

"We're going to have to get through to the third round of the FA Cup and hope we draw a big team before we've got any chance of making any money in this competition and that's what it's all about - we're not going to win the thing."

It's the second season running The Chairboys have been drawn at home to non-league opposition.

Last season they needed three matches and the intervention of a fire, just as they were about to go into a penalty shootout, before they got rid of Oxford City.

But Wycombe will go about it professionally and have the north west London side watched twice before they lock horns.

Harrow qualified for the first round for the first time in 16 years when they scored a last-minute winner to beat Enfield 2-1 despite having two men sent off.