

Wanderers let off after coin toss

WANDERERS have escaped punishment after Bournemouth keeper Gareth Stewart claimed he was struck on the head by a coin thrown from the Valley Terrace.

The FA said there was insufficient evidence to prove the case this time but warned the club that any future misdemeanours could result in a heavy fine or partial ground closure.

It is the second time this season that Wanderers have avoided punishment over the behaviour of fans.

In September they got off with a warning after referee Chris Foy had a cup of tea thrown at him by a supporter in the Valley end during the Bristol Rovers game. But Wanderers know they are on a final warning.

Secretary Keith Allen said: "We are under observation now and if anything else happens they will come down on us."

"We have got away with the chucking of a cup of tea and an allegation of coin throwing and if anything happens in future they will refer to our record and unfortunately we can no longer stand on our previous record of good behaviour."

An FA spokesman said: "The FA has unlimited disciplinary powers if there were to be a further charge. These powers range from fining the club to a possible closure of the terrace."

Concerned Adams Park officials are now calling on all true supporters to report miscreants in the future.

They leafletted supporters at the recent Swansea game, warning missile throwers that they will be banned from the ground and handed over to the police for prosecution.

In the letter director Graham Peart said: "The club is at risk of being heavily fined by the Football Association and ultimately the stadium being closed."

After the Bournemouth incident Allen said: "The club are concerned at what appears to be a deterioration in the behaviour of a certain small section of our support behind the goal."

HOW THEY STAND

Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
Millwall	24	8	1	3	28	9	7	2	3	22	15	48
Walsall	25	10	3	0	29	10	4	3	5	13	15	48
Wigan	25	9	3	0	17	7	3	8	2	16	13	47
Rotherhm	24	6	3	3	23	15	7	3	2	16	11	45
Stoke	24	6	2	3	17	10	5	6	2	22	17	41
Reading	23	9	2	1	37	11	3	2	6	12	18	40
Bristol City	25	6	3	4	30	17	5	4	3	13	9	40
Northmptn	24	4	4	3	14	13	6	2	5	15	15	36
Notts Co	24	4	4	3	18	17	6	1	6	12	20	35
Wycombe	24	7	1	3	18	12	2	6	5	7	12	34
Wrexham	24	5	2	5	13	15	4	4	4	20	20	33
Brentford	22	5	5	2	16	16	3	4	3	13	17	33
Bourem'th	23	4	4	4	15	12	4	3	4	22	17	31
Colchester	23	5	3	4	14	12	3	3	5	11	17	30
Peterboro	24	6	3	3	17	12	2	2	8	10	19	29
Oldham	24	5	3	4	15	14	2	5	5	11	20	29
Bury	23	5	4	3	12	13	3	1	7	9	17	29
Camb Utd	24	5	4	3	20	13	2	3	7	14	27	28
Bristol R	22	0	6	4	8	15	5	3	4	20	13	24
Swindon	24	3	4	5	16	23	3	1	8	7	20	23
Swansea	22	3	4	4	12	11	2	3	6	11	19	22
Port Vale	21	4	4	4	18	12	1	1	7	4	17	20
Luton	24	3	1	8	12	22	1	5	6	14	25	18
Oxford U	24	2	2	8	11	17	1	0	11	14	37	11