

More upsets could well be on the cards according to Wanderers boss

LAWRIE Sanchez believes his giant-killers can cause another upset after being drawn against Middlesbrough or Wimbledon in the fifth round.

The Blues boss said: "Unless you get drawn away to Liverpool or Arsenal for a big payday, to play at home against someone you could possibly beat is the next best thing. There could be another upset on the cards."

● The Wolves match attracted a record 90 press representatives to Adams Park.

● Former boss Martin O'Neill faxed Lawrie Sanchez a good luck message before the game saying "Great result at Grimsby, the very best of luck today."

● Jason Cousins and Steve Brown attended Sunday's fifth round draw at FA headquarters.

Brown said: "It's probably not the draw we wanted. We wanted someone like Arsenal but if Wimbledon can beat Middlesbrough it will be nice for the gaffer and Terry Gibson who were both at

Wimbledon."

● Matt Brady celebrated his part in Blues' cup triumph by moving into a new flat with his girlfriend later that evening.

● Chairman Ivor Beeks paid tribute to the fans and council gritters who made sure Saturday's match went ahead by clearing overnight snow off the pitch and gritting the car parks.

Beeks, who arrived at the ground at 7.20am after an urgent wake up call from groundsman Jim Gardner said: "You could have had the European Ice Skating Championships in the car park. It was horrendous and the pitch was covered in snow."

He put out an appeal on eleven-SEVENTY for fans to clear the snow and persuaded Ecovert, the council's gritting department to work on the car park.

He said: "The match would not have happened if it wasn't for all those people."

Even assistant boss Terry Gibson and player Stewart Castledine

joined the five-hour effort to clear the pitch.

● Wanderers' victory brought congratulations from the town's dignitaries.

Mayor Cllr Mahboob Hussain said: "I was delighted to hear they have won through to the next round, and wish them every success in the future."

Chairman of Wycombe District Council, Cllr David Cox wrote to the BFP saying: "The articles in the Midweek on Tuesday prompted me to write and ask that my congratulations be extended to Wycombe Wanderers on their splendid win."

"I understand that, had it not been for the many willing helpers who turned up to help to clear the ice and snow, the match would not have been played."

"This action showed a wonderful community spirit amongst the people of Wycombe district and I would like to thank everyone who rallied round to ensure the game went ahead."

Cup Shock? Not for us we expected to win

STEVE BROWN

PARKLIFE

I'VE been amazed by all the publicity we've received this week because we didn't think beating Wolves was such a giant-killing.

We expected to beat them, as I said in my column two weeks ago, but it seems to have been a big surprise to everyone outside Adams Park.

The lads have enjoyed it though and it will be even bigger for the fifth round. I think it has been great for the club because it has put us on the map and finally buried those people who still regard us as a non-league club.

People are sitting up and taking notice now and giving the gaffer, and Martin O'Neill before him, the respect they deserve for what they have done at the club.

For my part, it was nice to come off the bench and set up the winning goal, although I just wish I could have been on from the start.

It would have meant much more to me then.

When Martin Taylor kicked it downfield I anticipated that Wolves would struggle to clear it upfield and took up my position and was able to get a cross into the far post.

It was a great moment when Sam scored but we didn't realise just how late the goal had come.

The clock on the scoreboard was four or five minutes slow so it was a surprise and a relief when the referee blew the whistle because we thought we had to hang on a bit longer.

We came back down to earth losing to Swindon in the LDV on Tuesday. All the lads were bitterly disappointed because, with the teams that are left in it, we had a real chance of winning.