

FANS HIT BACK AT MONSTER INSULT

Football agent Hall feels Blues anger after 'schmuck' claim

WANDERERS supporters have hit back at outspoken football agent Eric Hall after he claimed that only a "schmuck" would support the Blues.

Hall's outrageous comments were made in an interview published in the Mail on Sunday's Night and Day magazine.

The self-styled 'monster' agent told reporter Glenn Marks: "If you are going to support a team, you go for Manchester United. It's like Frank Sinatra - there is no number two. I mean, what do you want to support a team such as Brentford for? Only a schmuck would support Wycombe Wanderers."

But Wanderers fans quickly ridiculed

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Hall's idea of what being a fan is about.

Dale Godding of Wycombe's clubcall Ringing the Blues said: "What a daft comment to make, especially after the season we've just had. We went further in the FA Cup than Manchester United.

"Most of the players that end up at the likes of Manchester United start off in the lower league and you need that structure. And look at the managers Wycombe have had, like Martin O'Neill and John Gregory.

"The world needs the likes of Wycombe Wanderers. If there were no other clubs than the big clubs, football would be a terrible place. We don't just want global football.

"Wycombe has a position in the community and their football, especially this season, is as exciting as any I've seen."

But it's not the first time Hall has had a run in with Wycombe fans. His views on the Blues didn't go down well when he visited Adams Park with Reading at the beginning of March.

Keith Blagborough, from Wycombe Wanderers Official Supporters Club, said: "He came down with Reading and was in the bar afterwards saying Wycombe didn't deserve to be a second division side, which someone took exception to."

And Blagborough added: "Eric Hall is entitled to his opinion but when he came down to Wycombe he was with a team that had just been knocked out of the FA Cup by York City. Who's the schmuck now? And in case he's forgotten, Wycombe got to the semi-final of the FA Cup."

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