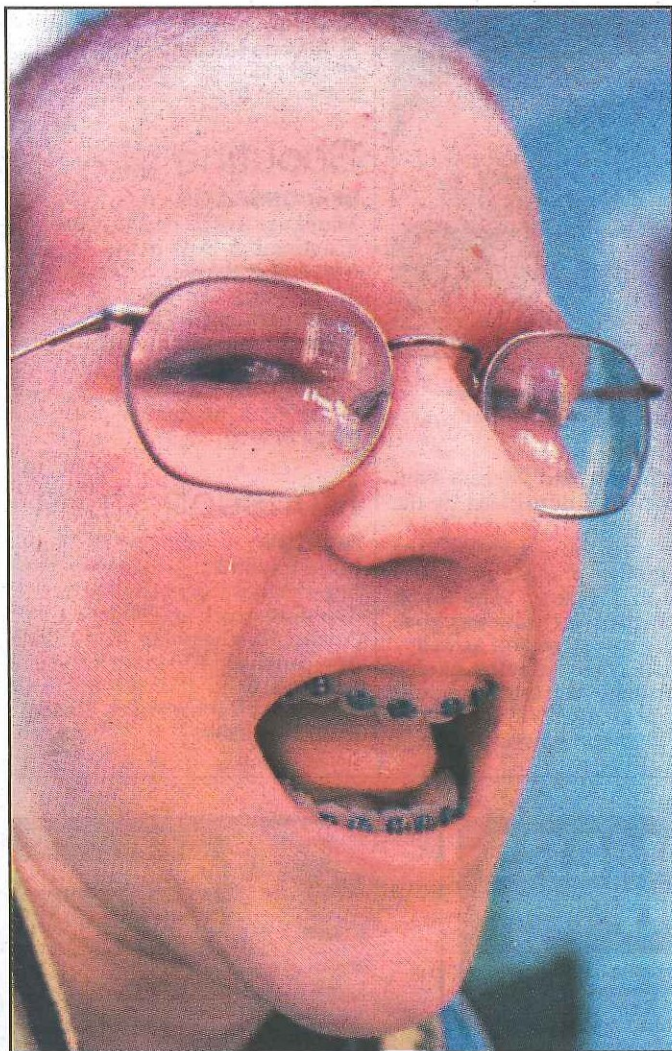


Blues supporter has brace fitted in team colours

THIS FAN GRINS AND BARES IT!

By JAMES COX



SMILING Liam Cracknell has braced himself for a Wycombe Wanderers winning season – by getting his teeth done out in the team's colours.

Loyal Liam has been mad about The Chairboys for years but the 14-year-old decided to go totally dental for The Blues after being told his teeth needed straightening out.

The schoolboy, of Hill Avenue, Hazlemere, said: "I'm such a huge fan of Wycombe – whenever they score I'll be smiling in the terraces."

Liam, who had his brace fitted last Wednesday, was terrified of having the train-tracks at first but now he loves them.

"I was really afraid," he explained. "At first I thought it would really hurt but it doesn't. I like them now."

"My friends laughed when they saw them but I said if they called me metal mouth I'd have to beat them up a bit."

Liam, a Wycombe Wanderers season ticket holder, watches every Blues game with his dad or his mates and has supported the team for 10 years since the age of four.

long he will have to wear his brace but his mum, Kim Crockett, is extremely proud of him.

She said: "I think Liam's brace is excellent – it's certainly original I'll give him that. He was really nervous about going to have it fitted but he didn't make a fuss."

"I think it's good for other kids who may be nervous about getting them."

Philippa Clarke, of Octagon Orthodontics, High Wycombe, where Liam had his brace fitted, explained many youngsters chose colours for their braces.

She added: "They can chose from a range of colours. It gives them something different."

A spokesman for Wycombe Wanderers FC, said Liam "was blue and blue right the way through".

He added: "It's absolutely brilliant, excellent – we've never heard of anything like this before."

The team is currently brushing up their skills for their next match when they are away to Huddersfield Town on Sunday.

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Grin and bare it: Liam, left, shows off his new brace