

Blues hit an FA Cup jackpot

WANDERERS have hit the FA Cup jackpot after Sky decided to screen their first round match at Hayes live.

The Blues, who reached the semi-final last season, will receive £100,000 from Sky with the Conference side receiving the same amount. In addition the winners will receive another £20,000 in prizemoney.

Blues boss Lawrie Sanchez said: "It's a fantastic windfall."

Last season, it took Blues six matches and four rounds before they earned that sort of cash.

The Friday, November 16 all-ticket match is a big game for Wanderers stars Jason Cousins and Dave Carroll who live in Hayes.

And it will evoke memories from yesterday for director John Goldsworthy.

He was in the crowd at Highbury in 1931 when Wycombe beat Hayes 1-0 in the FA Amateur Cup Final.

But Hayes, who beat Yeovil 3-1 to set up the tie, have FA Cup history on their side.

They spanked Wycombe 7-0 the last time they met in the competition in a fourth round qualifying tie in 1964.

Sanchez said: "They're always banana skins. They'd love to put out last year's semi-finalists and we've got to make sure that we're on our mettle."

● Blues have been allocated 1,400 standing tickets. They go on sale, at one per person, on a first-come-first-served basis to season ticket holders and Leagueline members on Tuesday between 5pm and 8pm.

Any remaining tickets will go on general sale from Friday, November 9.

