



DOWN BUT NOT OUT: Wycombe had to come back from behind to claim their place in the second round of the FA Cup with a 4-3 win over non-league Hayes on Friday night. The Conference side put up a tremendous fight before Wanderers won it with goals from Darren Currie and Andy Rammell. Match report: Page 39

MEADOW TRAGEDY

Match called off after visiting secretary dies despite efforts to revive him

CHESHAM United boss Bob Dowie was involved in a desperate attempt to revive Enfield FC's club secretary after he suffered a massive heart attack before Saturday's Ryman League Premier Division match.

Dowie and club physio Jude Monteath spent almost half an hour trying to save Enfield's Keith Hughes after he collapsed in the doorway of the visitors changing room at Chesham's Meadow ground. The pair managed to

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revive Hughes briefly, but he died following a second heart attack.

Hughes, who was in his mid-sixties, was pronounced dead on arrival at Wycombe Hospital.

The incident happened an hour-and-a-half before Saturday's match was due to kick off and the Ryman League clash was immediately postponed. It is expected to be played on December 11 but club bosses have yet to confirm the new date.

Dowie admitted afterwards

everyone was left distressed by the incident which was witnessed by many of the visiting Enfield players.

He said: "A lot of the Enfield players saw what happened. Some of them were quite young and it wasn't pleasant to be around."

Dowie said it wasn't difficult to make the decision to call off the match.

He added: "The manager and all the people involved in their club were very distressed by what happened. We felt it would be disrespectful to carry on at that point

and so we called the game off."

Fans arriving at The Meadow, which regularly attracts between 300 and 400 supporters on Saturday afternoons, were greeted by a sign at the entrance announcing the match had been postponed because of "unforeseen circumstances."

Secretary Hughes had been with Enfield since the beginning of this season.

He joined Enfield manager Tom Loizou at the North London club after previously having worked with him at second division Cheshunt.

Loizou told the Bucks Free Press Midweek: "I'd like to thank Bob and Jude for their help."

"They did everything they could."

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