

Sport comment

Silence isn't golden

THE wall of silence surrounding the 'resignation' of chief executive Simon Monkman does no favours to the loyal Wanderers fans.

The club would have us all believe that the departure of Monkman was entirely amicable.

So why the lack of an explanation?

The fans, who have effectively been paying Monkman's £60,000 salary, have been fobbed off with a statement that Monkman has left 'for reasons which have been discussed privately between him and the chairman.'

We appreciate that personnel issues are often sensitive, but this statement simply raises more questions than it answers.

It is clear, from Monkman's programme notes, in which he states he loves the job, and his meetings for later on in the week, that Monkman had no plans to resign on Monday and yet for some reason, he did resign less than 24 hours later.

Football clubs are not companies which do not have to let their customers know what is going on.

Its supporters are its lifeblood and its investors, in particular Wycombe, who actually set up a trust fund for fans to buy players.

So these fans deserve to know just exactly what has happened and why Monkman left.

The official statement

THE Board of Directors announce today that they have, with regret, accepted the resignation of Chief Executive, Simon Monkman. Simon will be leaving the football club, for reasons which have been discussed privately between him and the Chairman, with immediate effect.

For the time being the Board collectively will assume the responsibilities undertaken up until now by the Chief Executive and both maintain and sustain the progress made "off the field" under Simon Monkman's stewardship. Chairman, Ivor Beeks, said: "I am grateful to Simon for the contribution he has made to the fortunes of Wycombe Wanderers on non-football related activities and he has opened up the potential for us to exploit development in a number of areas beneficial to the Club in the longer term. The Board are confident that the business remains on track and with Lawrie Sanchez look forward to a successful season. If and when the time is right we will consider the question of a replacement for Simon Monkman, who leaves with our best wishes for his own future."