

MEADOW MEN DENY BLUES

CHESHAM United old boys Wayne Andrews and Fitz Hall combined to deny Wanderers a famous victory on Saturday.

The former Meadow Men scored one and created the other as Oldham extended their season-long unbeaten away record by snatching a 2-2 draw in an incident-packed match at Adams Park.

Andrews headed Oldham into the lead – although Steve Brown was claiming he got the last touch for an own goal – and then just as it looked as though Wanderers had battled back to take the lead, £2million-rated Hall headed on for

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Tony Carss to salvage a late equaliser for the ten-men visitors.

Andrews said: "It was ironic. All through the afternoon the crowd had been chanting 'Chesham Rejects' at us.

"But we had the last laugh."

The appearance of the £2million-rated Hall swelled the Adams Park crowd with scouts from Premiership Spurs, Manchester City and Chelsea in attendance.

And they were joined by spies

from first division front-runners Sheffield United and Leicester City as well as a healthy contingent from Chesham – who could bank £200,000 in a sell-on clause if Hall moves onto the Premiership.

And Andrews, who got a dream free transfer from Chesham to Boundary Park last summer, is convinced his room-mate will make it big.

He said: "Fitz will get his move to the Premiership. I am sure about that. He has been excellent for us this season."

But Andrews' own appearance back in Bucks was cut short. After claiming the opener and troubling

Wanderers with his pace, he was stopped in his tracks by a challenge from Blues captain Keith Ryan, who caught him on the ankle just before the hour mark.

Andrews said: "I was really disappointed having to come off. I'd scored one and felt I could score more.

"I just hope I'm not going to be out too long."

Andrews' and Hall's contributions, since they were plucked from Ryman League obscurity by former Chesham boss Bob Dowie's brother Iain, have helped the Latics drive up the second division table.

But the Latics' championship push was stopped in its tracks as Wanderers came back from a goal down to the brink of victory before Oldham salvaged a point.

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