

Sport comment

Immortalise Sanchez - but not in Bucks

A DECISION to have Lawrie Sanchez's Cup Final goal against Liverpool immortalised in stone would be a great idea.

Every football fan remembers how plucky Wimbledon, who had risen from the depths of the non-league, beat the mighty all-conquering Liverpool in 1988.

We all love to see the plucky non-leaguers beat the league clubs but shocks are far harder to come by in the latter stages of the world's greatest national cup competition.

But supporters remember that penalty save by Dave Beasant and the Sanchez goal in the FA Cup Final because it showed how David can beat Goliath at any stage of the tournament.

There is only one problem with Wimbledon's idea to turn Sanchez's celebration into a monument.

And that is the fact that the statue will be at their new headquarters in Milton Keynes, miles away from the London borough where Wimbledon got their name from.

We have all heard the arguments for and against the move to Bucks.

But the fact remains that many of the old team supporters now watch the non-league AFC Wimbledon, set up by fans angered by the proposed move to Milton Keynes, that follow the Division One club now.

How many of the fans that would watch Wimbledon in Milton Keynes were at Wembley to witness Sanchez's goal.

How many would actually remember the header?

So yes, Sanchez's day out at Wembley deserves to be commemorated.

But a more fitting tribute would be for Wimbledon to move back to the borough from whence they came.

Parsons goes off for experience

FULL-BACK Ryan Parsons has joined Ryman League Windsor and Eton on a month-to-month basis.

The former Marlow player and product of the Blues youth scheme has been loaned out on what is termed as work experience under youth scholarship rules.

Parsons will continue to train full-time with Wanderers but will turn out for Windsor.

He joins a growing legion of former Wanderers at Stag Meadow.

Windsor are managed by Dennis Greene and include Simon Stapleton, Dave Carroll, Trevor Bunting and Matt Brady.

Parsons will be eligible to play despite his sending off for a professional foul in his last appearance for the Blues in a reserve match against Brighton.

His three-match ban has been reduced to just one reserve match, that being against Northampton on February 19.

Sanchez said: "It will do him good to go out on loan to play at a higher level because he hasn't been a regular in the reserves."