

Blues in short

Gibbo: I couldn't blame fans if they stay away

ASSISTANT boss Terry Gibson admitted he couldn't blame the fans if they don't turn up to tomorrow's crunch home clash with Oldham, but urged them to keep the faith.

He said: "I can understand their frustrations and I can understand if they don't want to come and watch again, but we desperately want them to come back.

"The club need them to be here, we need them to get behind the players. At Rushden and QPR they were fantastic and tonight they were fantastic.

"We need to give them a lot more to shout about. We understand that people are going to moan and we accept that.

"I understand their disappointment and the doom and gloom but on Saturday we've all got to roll our sleeves up and get back on it and all be as one."

TERRY Gibson insisted that speculation linking Lawrie Sanchez with the Reading job is not a factor behind Wanderers dismal form.

He said: "I don't think it has got anything to do with it. I've been at clubs where managers get the sack or go onto different clubs, the players responsibility is to themselves and their team-mates.

"It hasn't affected people here and it won't.

"We've been on the backfoot ever since we were 2-0 up at Blackpool and ended up losing 3-2.

"We will crack on and ensure that we improve and get up the table."

WANDERERS have been hit with a bill of £5,952 for the policing of Tuesday's match with arch-rivals Colchester even though the game attracted a crowd of just 4,401.

The police had 32 officers on duty around the ground despite only 309 Colchester fans making the trip down from Essex for the match.

The game was played in midweek on Wycombe Wanderers' insistence after the two previous Wycombe/Colchester matches, which were played on Saturdays at the end of the season were marred by crowd trouble.

NEXT Tuesday's Carling Cup opponents Aston Villa sent a scout to see Blues against Colchester.