

Segregation was non-existent

I AM writing regarding the non-existent crowd segregation arrangements at the Wycombe v QPR match on Saturday.

As a season ticket holder in The Woodlands Stand I was amazed to be surrounded by QPR supporters quite openly shouting for their team, wearing replica shirts.

This caused an atmosphere of fear and tension amongst the regular Wanderers supporters who sit in this part of the ground.

It doesn't take a genius to work out that a local derby against a well-supported side will result in the demand for tickets in the away end exceeding supply and that it will mean some away fans will try to get a seat in other parts of the ground.

Wycombe could have initially legislated for this by perhaps

allocating extra seats to QPR and then stewarding the fans properly.

Even allowing for the fact that the club failed to do this and that some away fans hoodwinked the club into selling them tickets in The Woodlands Stand, what did the club do on the day? The answer is precisely nothing!

Surely when the QPR fans appear at the home turnstiles, the many stewards on duty might have noticed they were wearing blue and white scarves and blue and white hooped replica shirts.

Even at that stage, they could have ensured they were segregated in The Woodlands Stand, which was not full. That didn't happen and they were allowed to sit in with the Wycombe fans all match singing and chanting.

When the Wycombe fans

complained to the stewards nothing was done. If a couple of hot-headed fans from each side had started a fight, whose responsibility would that be?

I contrast this with the previous week when I dared to linger on a yellow marked step for two minutes to chat to a fellow fan across from where I sit. It was 2.30pm and the stand was empty and no one passed me. A steward very quickly told me to sit down as I was causing a safety hazard!

This is not the first time the segregation has been a shambles and I suspect it will not be the last. While the team is going down to Division Three the organisation is barely up to Conference level.

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