

Wanderers win the cup fair and square

WYCOMBE Wanderers won the Berks and Bucks Cup for the first time in 15 years – and then won even more accolades for their amazing sporting behaviour in the final.

Assistant manager Steve Brown ordered his side to stand aside and let Aylesbury score a second goal to cancel out a freak Jonny Dixon goal which had given the Blues a 3-1 advantage.

Dixon was meant to be sportingly kicking the ball back to Aylesbury keeper Jack Rashid after Stuart Nerthercott went down injured, but the striker's intended pass back from the halfway line took off and flew

into the back of the net.

Dixon looked red-faced but the referee had no option but to award the 82nd minute goal.

Brown then emerged from the dugout and ordered his team to stand aside and let Aylesbury's Drew Roberts score unopposed straight from the restart.

Brown said: "It was the only thing to do. I was embarrassed by our goal and I didn't want to win the cup by default.

"I just did what I thought was right. It was only fair to let Aylesbury score. I didn't want anyone to be able to say we cheated our way to the cup."

Meanwhile Dixon said he never intended to cheat.

He said: "The ref told me to hit it back to their goalkeeper and that's what I did but I caught it really sweetly and it went in over his head. I was as surprised as anyone when it went in and even more surprised when the referee gave the goal. I wasn't sure what would happen. I thought he might just ask me to kick it back to the goalkeeper again."

Dixon's bizarre strike, allied to legitimate second half goals from Russell Martin and Kieron Gradwell, gave Wanderers a long overdue county cup success.

Brown said after Monday's



Picture by Paul Dennis

Good Sport: Steve Brown shows off the county cup

3-2 win: "We didn't play as well in the final as we have done in the previous rounds. It took us too long to get a

foothold in the game, but cup finals are often like that and once we settled down we were fine."