

Brownie: Put a stop to all this hullabaloo

CARETAKER boss Steve Brown wants to scrap Blues' traditional end of year Player of the Year awards ceremony – because he says it only inspires the opposition.

He reckons Darlington's players would have been wound up by the sight of multiple presentations on the pitch and claimed that it would have helped motivate them towards their 1-0 win.

Saturday's presentations lasted 30 minutes on the pitch before the match and Brown says it was an accident waiting to happen.

Brown said: "I hate things like that. It creates a carnival atmosphere and I know that if I was a Darlington player it would have motivated me.

"I remember we rolled into town when Huddersfield opened their ground. It was a fantastic day. It was

a real carnival atmosphere up there and everyone expected us to roll over and die but we won the game and I remember their chairman saying to our chairman you weren't supposed to do that."

Brown is proposing a special awards night instead.

He said: "I think it would be better if we stuck with the main Player of the Year Award being presented on the pitch just before the kick off of our final game of the season and then present all the other awards at a special dinner with the supporters and the players."

Now Brown is hoping the boot will be on the other foot tomorrow when Wanderers travel to Peterborough United for their final league game.

He said: "Hopefully they will be

doing the same as we were last week and that will give us an extra edge to beat them."

Brown is not the first Wanderers boss to think that the presentations hamper the team.

Lawrie Sanchez thought there were too many awards and wanted to scrap the presentations from the official and independent supporters clubs in favour of having one all-inclusive award.

Meanwhile Brown has apologised to the fans for Saturday's half-hearted lap of honour.

Most of the fans had left by the time the players re-appeared to take their bow at the end of the match.

Brown said: "It was entirely my fault. I was having a de-brief with them after the game and it went on longer than it should."



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