

Blues consider appeal after FA blames them for brawl

WYCOMBE Wanderers are considering appealing against the £3,500 fine they have received for their part in the 21-man brawl against Millwall.

The Blues are stunned that Tuesday's FA hearing found them more culpable than the Lions who were charged £2,500.

Both clubs pleaded guilty to the charge of failing to control their players over the incident during their February 20 meeting at Adams Park.

**Wanderers
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The FA ruled that Wycombe were more to blame for the flashpoint which was sparked when Blues' Gareth Ainsworth clattered into Lions defender Tony Craig and was sent off.

The incident provoked fury among the Millwall team with players from both sides running

the length of the field to get involved.

It was the second time this season that Ainsworth had clashed with Craig.

He broke the Millwall defender's cheekbone when he caught him in the face with an attempted overhead kick earlier in the season.

Wanderers used *Bucks Free Press* photographs showing Millwall players wading into Wycombe players in their defence

but the panel still came down hardest on Wycombe and appear to be pointing the blame at them with the discrepancy.

Wanderers owner Steve Hayes said: "The club are considering an appeal. We are surprised that we have been deemed more culpable than Millwall and surprised that our previously good reputation counted for nothing.

"If we had both been fined the same amount, I could just about have said fair enough."

Blues launch their education academy

WANDERERS are set to launch their own educational and sporting academy designed to offer youngsters a career in the game.

The Wycombe Wanderers Football and Education Scheme will kick off in September offering students the chance to earn their Level 2 BTEC first diploma in sport, the Level 3 BTEC national diploma in sport and their Level 1 and Level 2 coaching qualifications.

The scheme could also offer students a route into the Wycombe Wanderers team. It is hoping to run two teams one of which, the first team, would play in the Youth Alliance and the other in the college league.

The Football and Education Scheme will be based at the Stokenchurch Community Centre and will be funded by the Learning Skills Council who will pay Blues £17,000 a year for running the scheme.

Blues Football in the Community chief Dave Evans believes it's a win-win situation for students and the club.

He said: "It's a great opportunity for youngsters who might not otherwise be thinking about going into further education."

He is hoping to attract a full complement of 34 students for the course which will enable them to leave with the qualifications to coach at a professional club's community scheme or at a sports centre or abroad.

Evans has organised an open trial for the course at Adams Park on Thursday, May 13, at Adams Park. Applicants must have some football ability but don't have to be world-beaters.

Anyone wanting to apply should email dave.evans@wwfc.com or call 01494 455735.

Thanks to Ben

BEN Strevens, the man Wycombe tried to sign last summer, gave the Chairboys' League One survival hopes a boost on Tuesday when he netted Brentford's 86th minute winner against Tranmere.

The 2-1 result meant that Tranmere failed to gain anything from their game in hand and they remain in the relegation zone just three points ahead of Wycombe.

Blues boss Gary Waddock said: "On Tuesday I was very glad that Peter Taylor didn't manage to sign Ben for Wycombe because he did a very good job for us playing for Brentford.

"His goal has done us a favour but it is still all about what we do."

LEAGUE ONE												
TEAM	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Ps
Norwich City	4316	3	2	46	20	11	5	6	38	25	89	
Leeds United	4312	6	3	35	17	11	5	6	36	24	80	
Millwall	4315	5	1	43	12	7	8	7	28	27	79	
Swindon T.	4312	8	2	39	23	9	7	5	27	27	78	
Charlton Ath	4313	6	3	40	22	8	8	5	27	25	77	
Huddersfield	4313	8	1	50	21	8	3	10	23	32	74	
Colchester	4314	4	3	35	20	5	7	10	26	29	68	
Southampton	4313	5	3	42	18	8	9	5	36	24	67	
Bristol Rovers	4313	3	6	32	27	6	2	13	25	36	62	
Brentford	43	910	2	33	20	5	8	9	19	28	60	
MK Dons	4310	4	8	31	28	7	4	10	27	34	59	
Walsall	43	8	8	5	31	24	6	5	11	23	36	55
Carlisle U	4310	3	9	33	27	4	9	8	25	35	54	
Brighton	43	5	412	23	29	8	9	5	30	30	52	
Hartlepool	4310	5	7	32	25	4	4	13	25	38	51	
Oldham Ath	43	7	6	21	24	6	6	10	16	26	51	
Yeovil Town	43	8	7	33	26	4	6	11	18	31	49	
Leyton Orient	43	9	6	7	33	25	3	6	12	17	35	48
Gillingham	4311	8	3	33	14	0	6	15	13	44	47	
Exeter City	43	8	9	4	27	18	2	7	13	17	39	46
Tranmere Rov	4310	3	9	28	32	2	5	14	11	39	44	
Wycombe W	43	5	610	21	29	4	8	10	30	43	41	
Southend	43	610	6	27	26	3	2	16	19	40	39	
Stockport Co	43	2	613	21	42	3	4	15	13	42	25	