

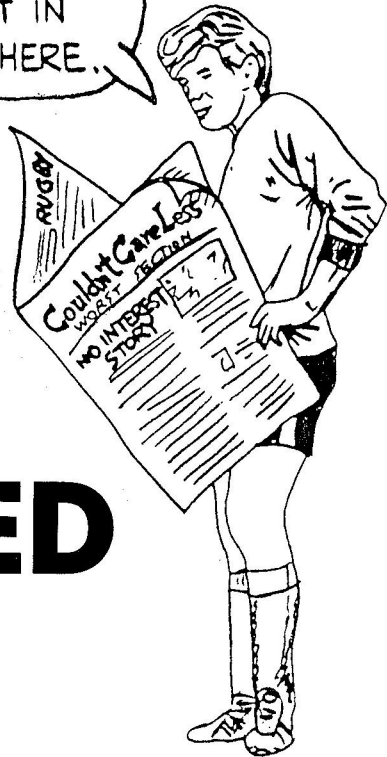
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Just when you thought the season was fading out into one of mid-table mediocrity, up pops another set of circumstances to enliven our football supporting lives. Well that's one way of describing the departure of the Manager and an early Trophy exit but it does seem that we can't complete a season these days without a few twists and turns of fate along the way.

Despite the traumas of this season, home attendances have remained remarkably high (averaging around 1,700) and we can still thankfully rely on at least 100 to travel to all away games - indeed away games are sometimes far more enjoyable, atmosphere wise, than home games. Why not give it a go if you've never been before? There are plenty of games to look forward to. Barnet, Cheltenham, Kidderminster, Fisher, Farnborough and finally Darlington all have the visit of Wycombe to look forward to.

However, whatever else happens this season, 1989/90 will be remembered as the last ever season at Loakes Park. As I write these notes there are just four home Conference games left and it still seems hard to believe that come the middle of May, the bulldozers will be moving in to destroy over 90 years of history and tradition.

Don't worry I'm not going to break out into a last minute 'Save Loakes Park' rant but I do hope that the final days are treated with respect by the Club and not used for excessive commercial gain. The supporters of the Club have helped build Loakes Park over the years and therefore deserve the right to pay their respects with dignity.

The next issue of CG will be available in time for the last ever game at Loakes Park. An emotional and tearful farewell is guaranteed. As always your contributions are gratefully received.

INSIDE INFORMATION

■ Jim Kelman departed from the Club after being in charge for just over 100 First Team games. His first game in charge was on the 16th January 1988 for a 5-3 home victory over Cheltenham Town in the Conference. Final game in charge was on the 13th January 1990 for the 3-1 home defeat to the Metropolitan Police in the F A Trophy. Departing along with Kelman were coach Graham Dell and scouts, Ian Crossley and John Randall. All three had been brought to the Club by Kelman.

■ Jim Kelman's replacement was announced on Thursday 8th February 1990 when Martin O'Neil took charge. The ex-Notts Forest and Northern Ireland star had previously been in charge at Shepshed Charterhouse and Grantham and had applied for the Wycombe job two years ago but missed out to Jimmy Kelman due to lack of experience.

■ For those who feel that paying £5 justifies speaking to the new Manager, a Club Evening has been arranged for Tuesday 13th March at High Wycombe Royal British Legion. Tickets, which include a buffet, are available from the Club Offices.

■ New arrivals at the Club along with Martin O'Neil have been Midfielder, Gary Smith (on a free transfer from Enfield) and defender Paul O'Driscoll (ex Southampton and Swindon).

■ Steve Abbley has departed from the Club after a disagreement with the new Manager. Abbley joined Wycombe in August 1988 from Cheltenham Town and was ever present last season. Originally a midfielder before conversion to right-back, Abbley scored his only League goal for the Club at Chorley last season

■ Sweeper Ricky Pearson, who was on loan to Wycombe from Gillingham during December and January, was close to a permanent move to Wycombe before the resignation of Jim Kelman. According to the local press in Kent, "Gillingham value Pearson at £20,000 while Wycombe offered £15,000" Pearson was injured playing for Gillingham in Capital League game but has returned to Wycombe on loan for the remainder of the season.

■ Martin Blackler returned to action for the first time since August when he played against Enfield and Wealdstone in the Capital League. Nicky Evans, however, is still undergoing tests on his leg following an operation and may be out for the rest of the season.

■ Success against Chesham United in the semi-final of the Berks & Bucks Senior Cup will put Wycombe in the final for the first time since 1987 where they would meet Slough Town at Hungerford Town F C on Easter Monday (16th April).

■ The Annual General Meeting of the Blues Club (The Supporters Club of Wycombe Wanderers F C) takes place on Thursday 29th March in the Blues Club starting at 7.30pm.

■ As Loakes Park enters it's final few weeks of existence, plans are underway to bring a top First Division side (probably not too far away from Arsenal) to the ground for the final game. Before that the scheduled final Conference game at Loakes Park is the visit of Farnborough Town on Saturday 21st April. Also on Sunday 29th April, starting at 2.30pm, there will be a chance for all former players of the Club to assemble at the ground and have a final kick about on the sacred turf.

I did everything I could says Kelman

Blues in turmoil as manager resigns



WYCOMBE Wanderers were

plunged when signed. The season was the 1990-91 season. Kelman had been at Wycombe Wanderers since 1987. He had led the club to promotion in 1989 and 1990. He had also led the club to the Conference Cup in 1990. He had also led the club to the Conference Cup in 1990. He had also led the club to the Conference Cup in 1990.

KELMAN'S OUT

I quit, says coach Dell

WYCOMBE Wanderers coach and scout Graham Dell has quit only days after boss Jim Kelman resigned.



Dell, who was manager, has been employed by the club since 1987. He was sacked last week and is expected to leave the club in the next few days.

Where were you when you heard that JK had resigned? Well in case you've forgotten the date and time, it was Tuesday 16th January 1990 and the ClubCall line had the information on hand by about 5.00pm, where Alan Parry read out the following message;

"Come important news for you today, the Club have accepted the resignation of Manager Jim Kelman. Club Chairman, Ivor Beeks has issued the following statement; We've accepted the resignation of Jim Kelman in the best interests of the Club. Jim was the first to admit that he was no longer getting the best out of his players and the situation couldn't be allowed to continue. The lack of motivation in the team was apparent for all to see against the Met.Police in our Trophy defeat on Saturday and we all agreed that matters had reached a critical stage. Jim has done a terrific job at Wycombe Wanderers but there was growing discontent amongst our supporters about the team's recent form and it was becoming obvious that a change was needed. As always the future success of this Club is the most important consideration. The Board of Wycombe Wanderers wish to place on record their gratitude and thanks to Jim Kelman for all the work he has done as Manager of Wycombe Wanderers, particularly the work in the community as far as the Club's coaching schemes are concerned."

In the local press later in the week, and the following week, more fuel was added to the debate when quotes from JK suggested that Board interference in deals with a player had been the real reason for his departure. A quote in the Buckinghamshire Observer also had Kelman saying "If I hadn't handed in my resignation when I did, then I would have been asked to leave - the board had already decided that"

If you were one of the incredibly loyal, dedicated, extremely mad and cold Wycombe fans at Barrow seven days after the defeat to Met.Police in the F A Trophy, you would have missed a Jimmy Kelman interview on RADIO 210.

Asked why he had resigned, Kelman replied "The time comes when you know you've got to walk away from a situation and the time came for me. I'd enjoyed myself there, we've had two good years. I feel I haven't let the Club down, but I was put in a position by the Board of Directors where I had no option open except to resign."

"The Club has got a big year ahead of them in terms of them moving to the new stadium but sometimes people might get carried away and hope that you can do all that on a budget that is quite small, but it's the Conference they're are playing in and the Conference is an extremely hard League - there's no two ways about that - if you stand still you get left behind....Unfortunately for us we also had a crippling injury list

throughout the early months and without the depth of squad it leaves you very thin on the ground and we found that going to places like Boston and even lately going up to Flackwell Heath, we haven't had strength in depth at all."

"It's unfortunate we lost John Kerr. He was a tremendous asset for us up front. A very quick skillful player and a thorn in the sides of most Conference clubs this year - not the darling of most people in the Club but he certainly did things for me. As far as I'm concerned, he was a huge loss. Nicky Evans going back into hospital..has also been a bit of a tragic loss for us as well."

Kelman was asked if losing to the Met. Police was the final straw.

"No, the final straw was a deal I had set up with the Captain Glyn Creaser to keep him at the Club for a further three years and for the amount of money we were outlaying to hold him at the Club and make him a happy player inside the Club, was really nothing and I got turned down by The Board of Directors and when you're not allowed to Manage you don't Manage."

"What ever else we've attempted to do over the last two years, it is to play good attractive football"

Finally, Kelman was asked if over the last two years he could hold his head up high.

"I can go to bed with a clean conscious - yeah, no problem about that at all. I think it's done me a power of good. It's given me the opportunity to manage at a high level and succeed at a high level. I wouldn't put this year down to a failure either, we've done remarkably well with the resources we've had available.

Jimmy Kelman's final Managerial record at Wycombe (not including Capital League or Friendly games) was played 105, won 49, drawn 25 and lost 31.

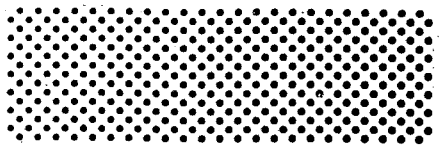
HUISH YOU WERE HERE AGAIN

As a follow up to our article in the last issue on the poor facilities currently available to 'away' supporters at Yeovil, Wycombe supporter Michael Burns has passed onto CG a letter he sent to Yeovil Town F C outlining many of the points we raised in the last issue and the subsequent reply, which went as follows "Since the Hillsborough disaster, we have been forced by the authorities to segregate all matches here and as such we have had to erect temporary toilets until such time as we can obtain planning permission for a more permanent structure even though we are moving at the end of the season. We make provision for the Ladies in the main stand adjacent to the block reserved for visiting supporters. We endeavour to make facilities available on all matches and if the 'hut' is not open, usually a girl goes round with a cinema-style tray. I would add that we notify all visiting clubs well in advance of the facilities available here and ask that they publish the details in their programme so that supporters are aware of the situation here.

So far as the Police are concerned, they have their own guidelines for the manner in which they deal with spectators, whether they are home supporters or visitors. Nevertheless, I shall make them aware of the contents of your letter."

For the record no such notice appeared in our programme prior to or after the game, not that such a warning would make the situation any more acceptable. Many Wycombe supporters will also be quick to point out that exactly the same situation occurred last season - 6 months before the Hillsborough disaster. Perhaps if Yeovil are really interested in publicising the fact that the facilities at their ground are below standard, why don't they place an apology in their programme?

Behind the Goal



Well if you think I'm going to start this month's column with a discussion about the sudden departure of Jimmy Kelman, not suprisingly you'll be right.

JK resigned his position a couple of days after the 3-1 home defeat to the Met.Police, but I'm sure I was not alone, despite the Trophy exit, in being surprised at the timing of his decision. Our League position was not yet critical (12th), although team performances had become erratic and few strange incidents had underlined the unrest in the camp. Up here on the terraces, support for JK had been remarkably divided - ranging from extreme loyalty to intense hatred. Of course, in my position as chief columnist in CG it is my duty to stick to true journalistic rules and sit firmly on the fence.

JK had done an excellent job in riviving the spirit of the Club since the disastorous spell by Peter Suddaby almost exactly two years ago. To keep pace with that sort of improvement would have been a difficult task for any Manager and while the team had improved greatly during his initial spell it was the inability to maintain these high standards that ultimately proved his downfall.

GOOD SPIRITS

The strange incidents I mentioned earlier began in earnest during the 4-0 home defeat to Cheltenham Town during the Christmas holiday. The match followed an encouraging display at Sutton on Boxing Day that resulted in a 2-1 win against one of the poorest Sutton sides I have seen for years (perhaps the likes of Rains and Golley after a million appearances each in an amber shirt have finally begun to make mistakes?). Anyway, back to the Cheltenham match, there I was standing on the terraces exchanging the usual terrace banter when suddenly there are exclamations from my fellow supporters that a supporter (slip in a 'so-called' if

it makes you feel happier) is making his way around to the dug out. Obviously this gentleman had taken his Christmas 'spirits' too far and was trundling quite 'matter of factly' in the direction of Jim Kelman, where unchallenged he thrust his beloved Wycombe scarf into the Manager's face and then made his way off and suprisingly, unchallenged again, reclaimed his position on the terraces. Not content with that performance, he then proudly claimed he had told JK where to stick his scarf and told him to give him a ring when he had some decent players. A disgraceful incident, I'm sure you'll all agree.

New Year's Day saw the double completed over Sutton before the trip to Telford. An unlucky own-goal from Matt Crossley put us 1-0 behind at half-time but Martin Lambert's sending-off for striking an opponent coupled with two goals conceded in 4 minutes set up a very unpleasant atmosphere towards the end of the game. Mark West, obviously unhappy at having to sit on the bench for the fifth consecutive match, entered the match with a quarter of an hour left and scored with practically his first touch. The salute to the bench said it all.

POLICE BRUTALITY

Westy scored again in the 3-0 win at Flackwell Heath in the Berks and Bucks Senior Cup the following Tuesday but the visit of the Met.Police to Loakes Park on the Saturday was for most people a simple task of progressing to the next round. For anyone at the match the final result was no suprise - indeed the margin could have been greater. Wycombe fans gave generous applause to the Police side as they left the field which can't be said for the reaction that greeted Martin Lambert's substitution in the second-half. Lambert's reaction was a gesture to the crowd - a reaction that he may live to regret.

Johnny Reardon slipped into his usual role as Caretaker Manager for the long haul to Barrow the very next Saturday. For the 100 or so loyal Wycombe fans who made the trip to Cumbria, the terraces were rife with rumours of player revolts but as the match progressed it was obvious that the spirit of the side had returned and it was ironic that Glyn Creaser (subject of transfer talks with Kidderminster during his dispute with the Club) should pop up to score another typical Creaser headed goal and launch another dozen chants of "Creaser, Creaser, Creaser". The fact that Barrow had been unbeaten at home in the Conference spoke volumes for our 3-0 victory (our largest away victory in the League since Weymouth last season).

Even Macclesfield should admit that we should have beaten them at Loakes Park the next week, although the 1-1 draw kept the mini-revival running and after a washed out game at Fisher (will we ever play there on a Saturday?) came the announcement that Martin O'Neil was the new Wycombe Manager. O'Neil wasn't amongst the many rumoured candidates for the job and therefore probably stood a better chance of getting the job. Sitting on that lovely journalistic fence again, I'll just say that it's early days yet and I'll wait at least...oooh...4 or 5 matches before passing comment.

For the away day Blues fans that made the way to Merthyr for MO'N's first game in charge, it provided most of us with our first trip to Penydarren Park. With the doubts regarding the weather, however it was debatable whether we would even reach Merthyr. An unusual trip through the welsh valleys revealed Merthyr's ground perched in the hills. Having heard stories of segregation in operation at Merthyr, I was pleasantly suprised to find that supporters of both sides were allowed to stand together and with no problems to report, proved a credit to both sets of fans. Non stop rain had made the surface extremely slippery but another West goal just before half-time cheered the day. Final score 1-1.

The good form continued with a 1-0 home victory over Welling at Loakes Park and a 2-2 home draw against Kettering was probably the best we could hope for against a side we have never beaten.

NO I.D.

I couldn't leave this issue's column without mention of the demise of the Government's ID Card scheme for Football Supporters. Isn't it amazing that it takes a disaster the size of Hillsborough to show what practically every one with football at heart has known all along. However, whilst the scrapping of the ID Card scheme is reason to celebrate for all football fans, the proposed legislation of all-seater stadia within the Football League could have just a profound effect on the state of football as we know it. All seaters will be a crippling financial blow to most clubs and in most cases totally unnecessary. Seating may be an effective way of limiting capacity but has little effect of the behaviour or comfort of fans. Having sat in many of the stands of the top clubs in this country, the general feeling is one of having your knees in your face and constantly going through the ritual of standing up every time there is a major incident on the pitch. Not to mention, of course, when you are unlucky enough to have sat next to someone who is suffering from the after effects of last nights Chicken Vindaloo. The terraces provide a unique atmosphere to football, a place where you are able to select your spot next to the people you want to stand with or away from the people you don't. Taking away that atmosphere from football leaves nothing but a sterile pleasuredome suited only to the stereotyped family out for the day. While Wycombe are in the Conference we are in a unique situation of watching football of the highest standard without the burden of these unnecessary measures. How long it goes on before the Conference is drawn into the melting pot or we reach the Football League is anyone's guess.



With DARLINGTON allowing a few results to slip, the Championship race has opened up slightly with BARNET and MACCLESFIELD TOWN being their main challengers.

Of that group of three teams, 'Darlo' still appear to have the marginally easier run-in, with their final 13 Conference fixtures being split 7 home (Yeovil, Merthyr, Farnborough, Wycombe, Welling, Macclesfield and Cheltenham) and 6 away (Barnet, Telford, Altrincham, Stafford, Welling and Kidderminster). The game at Barnet is set for March 31 for what is likely to be this season's record Conference gate. Wycombe's first ever game at DARLINGTON is scheduled for Saturday April 14, F A Trophy Semi-Final day, and therefore will require re-arranging if they overcome Leek Town in the Quarter-Finals on March 17.

Following BARNET'S 1-0 defeat at Loakes Park on December 16, they went onto record eight consecutive Conference victories to take them back to the top of the table for the first time since season 1987-88. Their final 12 Conference games are split 5 home (Kidderminster, Wycombe, Darlington, Yeovil and Altrincham) and 7 away (Cheltenham, Runcorn, Telford, Stafford, Macclesfield, Barrow and Chorley). Wycombe's Conference game at Barnet is still to be arranged.

MACCLESFIELD TOWN, who beat Wycombe for the first time in six meetings at the start of March, recently announced profits of £28,500 for the year ending 31 May 1989 - their third profit in succession - which took into account extensive work at their ground. Their remaining 12 Conference fixtures are split 5 at home (Fisher, Chorley, Barnet, Stafford and Boston) and 7 away (Cheltenham, Sutton, Farnborough, Kettering, Northwich, Darlington and Telford).

Other trips for Wycombe during March include the visit to CHELTENHAM TOWN on the 17th. Whaddon Road was badly damaged in the January gales with the roofed section of the terracing behind the goal being completely blown away. On the playing front, Cheltenham are likely to retain the playing services of Andy Gray to the end of the season due to the delay in the launch of BSB, for whom Gray is contracted to work for.

Wycombe complete their scheduled away fixtures during March with a journey to a rebuilt Aggborough on Saturday 31st for the game with KIDDERMINSTER HARRIERS. Aggborough now has traditional terracing behind both goals in place of the previous running track. Each end has a capacity of 2,000 and was initially completed without roofing due to a shortage of money, however, roofing of The Town End commenced in February. The rest of the ground rebuilding scheme will take place later in the year and will see a new main grandstand and the remainder of the terracing covered.

Moving into April will see Wycombe make a Conference visit to FARNBOROUGH TOWN. Former Wycombe striker Declan Link teamed up with his former Wycombe and Steines team mate Simon Read for a short spell in January. Also joining Farnborough on loan during January was 'keeper Peter Guthrie who moved to Cherrywood Road after failing to keep his place at Barnet following a move from Spurs earlier in the season.

Following an abortive attempt to play FISHER ATHLETIC, the away game with Dockland side was still to be arranged at the start of March. Visitors to the Surrey Docks Stadium will know that Fisher have never enjoyed much support from the surrounding residents. This has prompted a 'Wake up South London' campaign being started by the Club in the hope of developing some community spirit. Club Chairman summed it up when he said "A football club's success is equal to the support it gets". Fisher's average attendance is about 500.

Fisher still look almost certain to be relegated, as do ENFIELD who completed eleven matches without a Conference victory when they lost by a record margin of 9-0 at Runcorn. 'Keeper Andy Pape and Defender Dave Howell, who are both on the transfer list, also both missed the team coach to Canal Street and failed to arrive in time for the match. Paul Harding has moved to Barnet for a substantial five figure fee while Paul Furlong, who has scored 14 of Enfields 36 Conference goals to the end of March is still attracting the interests of several League clubs.

A couple of months ago you would have said that BOSTON UNITED were the other favourites for the drop but 4 wins in 5 games has lifted the Club into a more comfortable position.

New signing from Doncaster Rovers, John McInley, took the February Goalscorer of the month award with five goals during the month for 'The Pilgrims'.

ENGLAND went down 2-0 to Italy in Salerno on Sunday 25th February. The game, watched by a crowd of over 3,000, saw a goal in each half inflict England's only second defeat in ten internationals. The England side was as follows;

1. John McKenna (Boston United)
2. Paul Shirliff (Boston United)
3. Dave Howell (Enfield)
4. Glen Skivington (Barrow)
5. Paul Watts (Redbridge Forest)
6. Andy Hessenthaler (Dartford)
7. Antone Joseph (Kidderminster)
8. Paul Rogers (Sutton United)
9. Gary Simpson (Altrincham)
10. Mark Carter (Runcorn)
11. Paul Furlong (Enfield)

Subs;

- Andy Pape (Enfield) for No.1
 Steve Conner (Dartford) for No.6
 Mark Hone (Welling) for No.2
 Robbie Cooke (Kettering) for No.8
 Paul Bancroft (Kiddermstr) for No.5

G M VAUXHALL CONFERENCE

Up to and including Saturday 3rd March 1990



Pos		PL	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
1	BARNET	30	19	4	7	63	30	61
2	DARLINGTON	28	18	6	4	56	17	60
3	MACCLESFIELD TOWN	30	15	10	5	48	29	55
4	RUNCORN	30	14	9	7	61	46	51
5	KETTERING TOWN	32	14	8	10	54	45	50
6	WELLING UNITED	27	14	6	7	52	33	48
7	MERTHYR TYDFIL	31	11	12	8	41	45	45
8	CHELTENHAM TOWN	28	12	7	9	38	37	43
9	YEOVIL TOWN	28	11	8	9	42	38	41
10	KIDDERMINSTER HARRIERS	30	11	7	12	49	48	40
11	ALTRINCHAM	31	9	12	10	36	33	39
12	TELFORD UNITED	29	10	9	10	40	49	39
13	WYCOMBE WANDERERS	30	10	8	12	48	45	38
14	BARROW	28	9	11	8	37	39	38
15	STAFFORD RANGERS	29	10	8	11	34	37	38
16	SUTTON UNITED	29	10	5	14	46	49	35
17	BOSTON UNITED	31	10	5	16	36	52	35
18	FARNBOROUGH TOWN	30	8	9	13	48	58	33
19	CHORLEY	29	9	4	16	31	47	31
20	NORTHWICH VICTORIA	29	8	4	17	35	51	28
21	FISHER ATHLETIC	29	7	3	19	31	65	24
22	ENFIELD	30	6	3	21	36	70	21

SEASON BY SEASON

1949/50

SUMMARY by Paul Lewis

After 13 seasons as Secretary, Reg Boreham tendered his resignation at the Club's AGM in July 1949. Five candidates were nominated for the vacancy and Bill Hayter was duly elected along with nine new members to the general committee. Frank Adams said after the election there had been great changes, and added "*Changes were always for the good and he hoped those would be*"

There were also changes in the team as the Club strove to improve on a Isthmian League placing of 11th out of 14 the previous season. Several Polish players applied for membership of the Club with Harry Wegryzk and Henrjk Mikrut joining from Aylesbury United and , Mieczystow Krupa moving from the local Polish Carpathians. Centre-half Krupa, at 6ft 4in, was reputed to be one of the tallest players in amateur football. He had fought in the war for the Polish but was captured and sent as a prisoner of war to Russia. He eventually escaped from the concentration camp and re-joined the Polish Army before coming to England in 1946.

5,000 turned out for the opening Isthmian game at Loakes Park against Dulwich and suprisingly only three of the Wycombe side were from the Wycombe area - right-half Freddy Gearing, left winger Peter Birdseye and 'keeper Reg Williams.

Williams was replaced in October by Chris Lodge, signed from St Albans City, but was called upon in December for a cup replay against Maidenhead United. The original tie at Maidenhead was abandoned after 76 minutes due to thickening fog - luckily for the Wanderers as they were losing 4-5. After a 0-0 draw in the re-arranged game, the replay at Wycombe before a crowd of 6,000 saw Williams pull off 4 saves in as many minutes to ensure the Wanderers safe passage to the next round.

The games with Maidenhead began a run of 13 games unbeaten in League and Cup, although it was the Amateur Cup run that captured the imagination of the High Wycombe public.

The trip to Bungay in the First Round of the Amateur Cup was encountered with some trepidation. Bungay, a Suffolk village with a population of about 3,000, greeted Wycombe with welcome banners. The ground itself had no stand, with the locals using farm carts and lorries around the touchlines to improve their view. 500 Wycombe supporters made the 5 hour train journey to be part of the record 2,500 gate and saw 3 goals in the last 20 minutes sealed a 4-0 victory for their side.

The next round brought County Durham side Crook Town to Loakes Park and it was 37 year old Wycombe stalwart Jock McCullum who scored the only goal of the game.

The gate against Crook Town was 10,087 - the highest at Loakes Park for 19 years - but this was easily broken in the following round with the visit of Dulwich Hamlet. A club record gate of 13,607 saw Wycombe enter the quarter-finals with a 3-1 victory thanks to goals from Johnny Blizzard, McCullum and Birdseye. That record lasted just 14 days, however, as another home draw, this time to St Albans City, set up the biggest ever crowd to assemble at Loakes Park for a football match.

15,678 clicked their way through the Loakes Park turnstiles, including at least 2,000 from Hertfordshire. For those who didn't make it in, some watched from the nearby chimney stacks and saw Wycombe win through to the semi-finals for only the second time in their history.

The semi-final pitted the Wanderers against Bishop Auckland at Griffin Park, Brentford. About 12,000 Wycombe fans made their present felt amongst the attendance

of just over 30,000 and those who didn't travel had the opportunity to watch the game 'live' on BBC tv.

Wycombe, playing in a change strip of Amber and Black shirts with white shorts and Red, White and Blue socks, fell behind in the 30th minute to a "dubious" penalty awarded by the linesman after a tackle by Krupa. Davison scored the resultant penalty. Wycombe fell further behind in the 54th minute when Riley shot home a centre from Major. Johnny Way revived Wycombe's hopes with a goal 20 minutes from time from which point it was all Wycombe. But it was not Wycombe's lucky day and they were left despairing a missed "sitter" eight minutes from time by Johnny Blizzard.

Small consolation for missing out on a trip to Wembley came through a 12th win in the Berks & Bucks Senior Cup where Slough Town were beaten after a replay - the replay taking place at Slough after Wycombe had lost the toss.

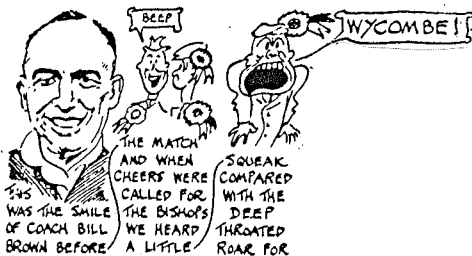
The Wanderers finally finished in eighth position in the table and could look back on a season where attendances were considerably up on the previous season, with the 25 home League, Cup and Friendly games during the season being watched by 144,467 people - an average of 5,778.

GAME DATE	OPPOSITION	COMP	V	RESULT
1 20/08/49	READING	Fr	H	W 4-0
2 24/08/49	FLACKWELL HEATH	Fr	H	W 2-1
3 27/08/49	DULWICH HAMLET	IL	H	L 1-4
4 31/08/49	MARSH GORDONS	Fr	H	L 2-3
5 03/09/49	Walthamstow Avenue	IL	A	W 4-3
6 10/09/49	CLAPTON	IL	H	D 2-2
7 12/09/49	RAF BOMBER COMMAND	Fr	H	W 3-1
8 17/09/49	Southall	FAC 1Q	A	L 2-6
9 24/09/49	FULHAM	Fr	H	L 0-3
10 01/10/49	TUFNELL PARK	IL	H	W 8-1
11 08/10/49	Rowford	IL	A	L 2-3
12 15/10/49	Clapton	IL	A	L 0-4
13 22/10/49	ST ALBANS CITY	IL	H	L 0-2
14 29/10/49	Corinthian Casuals	IL	A	D 3-3
15 05/11/49	WALTHAMSTOW AVENUE	IL	H	L 2-3
16 12/11/49	Wimbledon	IL	A	L 0-5
17 19/11/49	Maidenhead United	AC 4Q	A	Aban
17 26/11/49	Maidenhead United	AC 4Q	A	D 0-0
18 03/12/49	MAIDENHEAD UNITED	AC 4QR	H	W 2-1
19 10/12/49	OXFORD CITY	IL	H	W 1-0
20 17/12/49	Tufnell Park	IL	A	W 5-2
21 24/12/49	Oxford City	IL	A	D 1-1
22 26/12/49	BRENTFORD	Fr	H	W 3-0
23 31/12/49	ROMFORD	IL	H	D 1-1
24 07/01/50	WOKING	IL	H	W 2-0
25 14/01/50	Bungay Town	AC 1	A	W 4-0
26 21/01/50	ABINGDON TOWN	B&B2	H	W 5-0
27 28/01/50	CROOK TOWN	AC 2	H	W 1-0
28 04/02/50	St Albans City	IL	A	D 2-2
29 11/02/50	DULWICH HAMLET	AC 3	H	W 3-1
30 18/02/50	Kingstonian	IL	A	L 0-2
31 25/02/50	ST ALBANS CITY	AC 4	H	W 4-1
32 04/03/50	Ilford	IL	A	L 3-4
33 11/03/50	Maidenhead United	B&B SF	H	W 3-0
34 18/03/50	Bishop Auckland	AC SF	N	L 1-2
35 25/03/50	WIMBLEDON	IL	H	W 4-1
36 01/04/50	ILFORD	IL	H	W 3-2
37 07/04/50	Leytonstone	IL	A	L 1-2
38 10/04/50	Slough Town	B&B F	N	D 1-1
39 15/04/50	Slough Town	B&B F	A	W 1-0
40 22/04/50	Dulwich Hamlet	IL	A	L 1-2
41 26/04/50	Woking	IL	A	D 1-1
42 29/04/50	LEYTONSTONE	IL	H	D 1-1
43 03/05/50	CORINTHIAN CASUALS	IL	H	W 1-0
44 06/05/50	KINGSTONIAN	IL	H	W 2-1
45 13/05/50	FINCHLEY	WHC	H	W 4-1

COMPETITION	PL	W	D	L	FOR	AGA
Isthmian League	26	9	7	10	51	52
F A Cup	1	0	0	1	2	6
Amateur Cup	7	5	1	1	15	5
Berks & Bucks Senior Cup	4	3	1	0	10	1
Wycombe Hospital Cup	1	1	0	0	4	1
Friendlies	6	4	0	2	14	5
TOTAL	45	22	9	14	96	70

1949-50

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Leytonstone	26	17	5	4	77	31	39
Wimbledon	26	18	2	6	72	51	38
Kingstonian	26	16	3	7	59	39	35
Walthamstow Avenue	26	14	6	6	73	42	34
Dulwich Hamlet	26	14	3	9	60	47	31
St Albans City	26	12	3	11	59	45	27
Woking	26	10	6	10	60	71	26
Wycombe Wanderers	26	9	7	10	51	52	25
Romford	26	10	4	12	45	49	24
Ilford	26	10	4	12	46	53	24
Clapton	26	8	6	12	51	59	22
Oxford City	26	6	6	14	35	54	18
Corinthian-Casuals	26	4	5	17	41	69	13
Tufnell Park	26	3	2	21	24	91	8





Four clubs have emerged as the strong candidates for promotion to the Conference from the Vauxhall League - with WOKINGHAM TOWN showing the best form towards the end of February.

The one promotion place to the Conference will, of course, come with the usual clause regarding the Champions or runners-up ground meeting the necessary standard. KINGSTONIAN and AYLESBURY UNITED both have similar grounds and are unlikely to be refused promotion. WOKINGHAM TOWN and SLOUGH TOWN, on the other hand, have already been busy scheduling improvements in preparation. At Wokingham, Finchamstead Road has had new terracing installed behind the top goal and the Club have opened negotiations with a construction company in order to finance the exercise. Over at Slough, Wexham Park has been approved for additional turnstiles, fencing at the back of the northern terrace, more covered accommodation on the western side and a new toilet block and refreshment bar.

SLOUGH TOWN lost their leadership of the Premier Division when they lost at AYLESBURY UNITED 3-1 in front of a relatively disappointing crowd of 1,603. The defeat was Slough's first away League defeat of the season, while their only home defeat came against Aylesbury back in October.

News of the ex-Wycombe players currently at REDBRIDGE FOREST. Keith Barrett was sent-off in the F A Trophy with HARROW BOROUGH while Noel Ashford was sent-off four days later in the League clash with AYLESBURY UNITED at Buckingham Road. Ashford 'slapped' Alan Pluckrose around the face in view of the linesman and was dismissed on his instructions.

PREMIER DIVISION - TOP FIVE
up to and including 3rd March

	PL	W	D	L	Pts
WOKINGHAM TOWN	29	19	6	4	63
SLOUGH TOWN	29	17	9	3	60
KINGSTONIAN	29	17	7	5	58
AYLESBURY UTD	28	16	7	5	55
CARSHALTON ATH	31	15	4	12	49



There appears to be little to talk about in the HFS Loans League apart from COLNE DYNAMOES - their spend, spend, spend attitude already virtually assuring them of the Championship.

The vital question though is, is their ground up to Conference standard? Colne have progressed at a rapid rate of the last few seasons and their ground has been somewhat left behind by the success of the playing side. Exploratory talks between Colne and Fourth Division Burnley took place in January with a view to a possible 'ground-sharing' scheme at Turf Moor.

In stark contrast to the fortunes of Colne, comes the sad news that SOUTH LIVERPOOL have finally been forced to vacate their Holly Park ground due to repeated vandalism. South had been at the site for 50 years but in recent years had been the target of arson attacks on their Club House and in January perimeter fencing at the ground was smashed with sledgehammers. South have since announced that will take up residence at a new £500,000 stadium at Liverpool's Wavertree Playground site, alongside an existing athletics centre. Ironically, the announcement was followed, just 48 hours later, by the third arson attack on their ground in 12 months, the Director's room in front of the stand being destroyed. While the new site is being prepared, South hope to arrange a ground-sharing scheme with Winsford United, although this is not the only option open to them.

PREMIER DIVISION - TOP FIVE
up to and including 3rd March

	PL	W	D	L	Pts
COLNE DYNAMOES	29	23	3	3	72
SOUTH LIVERPOOL	31	17	8	6	59
WITTON ALBION	28	18	4	6	58
HYDE UNITED	30	15	7	8	52
BISHOP AUCKLAND	27	14	4	9	46



A 2,369 crowd saw the top of the clash between DARTFORD and DOVER ATHLETIC at Watling Street in February - Dartford letting a 2-0 half-time lead slip to draw 2-2.

Like Dartford, the other title contenders BATH CITY, should have no problems in attaining the necessary ground grading for acceptance to the Conference - both Clubs sharing their grounds with Football League clubs. Dover's ground may need some work if they become Champions but they should have few problems in upgrading their home in time.

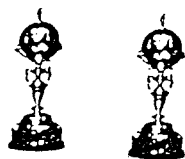
Latest news from WEALDSTONE is that they are now staying at Lower Mead for the foreseeable future after talks of intending to switch to Willesden Hockey ground next season. Manager Alan Gane has brought in several ex-Wycombe players into the Wealdstone side, namely Neil Price (from Staines Town), Graham Westley (from Kingstonian) and Kevin Collins (who has returned from playing football in Australia).

Former Southern League Club, BEDFORD TOWN have announced further plans to reform. Following a public meeting last May, a 14 strong committee has been planning moves to return 'The Eagles' to the forefront of non-League football. Discussions have taken place the local Council for a site at the new Priory Business Park, off the A603 Bedford to Wellington Road. The stadium, if approved, will include a 2,000 seater stand, as well as community facilities. Membership of this new Club can be obtained for just £1 (payable to Bedford Town (1990)) from 3 Ormesby Way, Bedford, MK40 4LZ.

PREMIER DIVISION - TOP FIVE
up to and including 3rd March

	PL	W	D	L	Pts
DOVER ATHLETIC	29	20	5	4	65
BATH CITY	29	19	7	3	64
DARTFORD	28	18	7	3	61
BURTON ALBION	31	14	9	8	51
CAMBRIDGE CITY	31	15	5	11	50

F A TROPHY



As the F A Trophy enters its closing stages, it looks favourite for an all Conference Semi-Final. Kingstonian, Colne Dynamos and Leek Town are all enjoying their best ever runs in the competition. LEEK TOWN's previous best was when they lost to Wycombe in the Third Round in 1986. They went one better this season by defeating holders Telford United 3-0 in a replay at Leek in the Third Round in front of a 1,600 attendance. Leek are also currently in the top spot in Division One of the HF5 Loans League and should comfortably gain promotion with games in hand.

Only Kidderminster and Stafford Rangers have reached Wembley before in the F A Trophy, although Colne Dynamos have reached the F A Vase Final and will be aiming to be the first Club to win both competitions. Darlington, on the other hand, will be hoping to be the first Club to do the promotion and Trophy 'double'.

Fourth Round Proper
Saturday 17th March 1990

Bath City	v	Stafford Rangers
Kingstonian	v	Barrow
Kidderminster H	v	Colne Dynamos
Leek Town	v	Darlington

Semi-Final 1st Leg
Saturday 7th April 1990

Semi-Final 2nd Leg
Saturday 14th April 1990

Final at Wembley
Saturday 19th May 1990

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"A mate of mine in the pub said..."
"This bloke at work was saying..."
How many times have you heard lines starting like that recently? Quite a lot I suspect.

Strange isn't it that almost all the news and information that we get nowadays is from rumours or word-of-mouth. Obviously there is always a large element of gossip around about the local team, and great fun it is too - adding a bit of gloss and passing it on.

However, more seriously, I feel that this situation has got significantly worse this season, and not simply because there is more to gossip about this season - there are more fundamental reasons. In fact the goings on at the Club this season should mean that there is a lot more that we should be informed of, as rumour is usually a lot worse, and a lot more damaging, than the truth.

Fans like to be kept informed, they like to know that the Club is constantly on the lookout for new players, how injuries are progressing, transfer news, finances, etc, in fact we like to hear anything about the Club - good or bad. If supporters don't get given the news they will try to find out themselves, perhaps by asking players or other people close to the Club. This inevitably leads to misleading information, often influenced by an element of their own opinion.

Never in my twenty years of following Wycombe Wanderers has the supply of information been so poor. Although the official voice of the Club is supposedly the matchday programme, inevitably with there being a possible three week gap between issues, in practice this cannot, and never has been, the way to get the news. The major source has always been the local paper - in our case the only "serious" one being the Bucks Free Press/Midweek.

The lack of news of our Club at the present time is absolutely unbelievable. Many supporters only get the Midweek for the football, after all, there is little other reason to do so.

On a recent Tuesday morning I picked up the Midweek from the doormat and settled down with my cornflakes anxious to read what news there was... Have we got a new manager yet? How badly was the new ground damaged by the storms? Why was Kevin Durham missing from Saturday's team? What is the midweek fixture?

Having swallowed my first mouthfull, I have read the brief report, and am none the wiser on any of my questions... not one word of news!! Whose fault is this? Does the paper simply not care? Are they not asking the Club the questions, or are the Club not answering the questions?

Looking back to earlier in the season it has been incredible how much significant news has been either totally missed out or brushed aside in the middle of a match "report". What has happened to Gary Lester, Martin Blackler, Ricky Pearson or David Gipp? How is Nicky Evans? Why did Martin Lambert get sent off at Telford and what happened to him? Why are Mark West, Kevin Durham and Glyn Creaser so unhappy?

The quality of the actual reports in the BFP has reached a stage where many of the reports from away matches are so lacking in content, accuracy and emotion that they are obviously not written by someone who was at the game representing the BFP. We have all read the reports on Marlow and Chesham to get our money worth, and some people are now probably fairly familiar with the local rugby players by now too.

But what can we do about this situation? - Well, the other day this bloke said....

Phil Ball

ADAMS PARK

The struggle to win the war of words over the refusal or otherwise of the proposed training pitch at the new ground, has somewhat overshadowed any reports on the actual progress being made at the main stadium.

Adams Park is now beginning to take firm shape and character. By the start of March the main stand on the north side of the ground had been completed in shell form and work was well advanced on the terracing at the west end (the home end) and the terracing on the south side (adjacent to Sunters Wood).

The two sides of terracing currently under construction consist of 15 steps of terracing rising to a height of about 3 metres above pitch level. The terracing is completely covered with a cantilevered structure and there is a 3 metre strip of level ground before the playing surface boundary wall.

With a target completion date of the end of July 1990, the Club received a set back due to the recent bad weather. The high winds in January ripped a small section of roofing from the main stand and the security fencing on the northern boundary of the site was badly damaged due to two or three trees falling across the structure. The weather was always going to be a major factor in meeting the target date and with just six months before the scheduled first game at the new site, it may be a case of a functional completion rather than a fully detailed finish.

With the Club looking more and more to commercial and non-football activities to draw its revenue few plans have been announced with regards to the Blues Club, the running of the tea-bars, Club Shop, etc. 'The Centre Spot' will replace the The Blues Club bar facilities on match days. A licence was granted to the Club in January of this year that in effect turns this bar into a 'pub' type facility on non-match days and under the subject of the normal restrictions at times of matches.

Moving on to the subject of the proposed artificial training pitch adjacent to the main stadium, a revised set of plans was posted at the local council on 5th December 1990. The original plans were, as reported in the last issue of CG, marginally refused due to their intrusive nature on the surrounding countryside. The revised plans repositioned the pitch away from the northern and western boundaries, thus allowing more space around the periphery for contouring and landscaping. In addition the level of the pitch was lowered from 10 metres above the level of the main pitch to just over 6 metres and the height of the floodlight pylons would be the same as that approved for the stadium. The lights had also been moved away from the corners of the pitch.

Despite these efforts the Councillors were not swayed from their original thoughts, indeed the vote went against the Club by 11 votes compared to 1 in the original application. The Local Planning Authority stated in their report of the plans "*The proposal would result in an intrusive form of development on an elevated and prominent site which would urbanise open countryside on the edge of the built up area.*"

So the affair ends in a very unsatisfactory manner for the Club, although the issue may be raised again in the future once the main stadium is off the Club's main priority list.

Finally, this issue, I hope that these reports are being of some use to those interested in the move to Adams Park. News sometimes takes a lot of persuading to come out into the open, although to their credit the local press have begun to pick up on the stories surrounding the new ground and the Club programme has carried a few reports and pictures of the progress being made. These reports can only help to allay peoples fears of the move to the ground - let's hope the information flow can continue, for the good of the Club.

Paul Lewis March 1990

Do They Mean Us? Do They Mean Us? Mean Us? Do They Mean Us? Do They Do They Mean Us? Do They Mean Us?

Claire Perry of the BUCKS OBSERVER has taken the trouble to write to CHAIRBOYS GAS about our comments about the Women's International at Loakes Park in November. Claire writes "Although I have been mentioned in Chairboys Gas before and almost pleased to see my name there, although you obviously don't recognise sarcasm when you see it, it is something in Vol 4 No 2 I would like to put straight.

In 'Do They Mean Us?', you refer to the poor coverage the Women's International received in the local press. I quote: "With barely a mention in the local papers leading up to the game and token reports of the game delayed by up to 10 days."

In the Bucks Observer, we printed details of tickets and times the week before the game, and gave it a double-page spread on the next issue - two days after the game.

I went training with the women, making a complete fool of myself but it proved to me just how hard they work and I agree it deserves a lot more coverage. Admittedly, the match report wasn't huge, but it was agreed to tie it up with the feature, and leave the back page for the Wanderers' defeat in the F A Cup.

I go to as many home games as I can, and we have good links with the Club. It is about time it was realised there is not just one local paper covering the Blues. As a note to this, a quote from another opposing journalist: "It's only women".

We here would welcome another Women's International at Loakes Park, and I would have great pleasure in covering it. I may be a 'mere woman' but I do know good football when I see it."

Whilst we stand slightly corrected on the coverage of the Women's International in the Bucks Observer most people still regard The BUCKS FREE PRESS as the only local newspaper covering the Wanderers. This stems from the BFP's previous coverage of the Club and other local sides that until recent years had been excellent. People expect standards to be maintained in terms of quantity and quality of coverage and also in respect of the local and national prominence of each sport and club.

The local free papers provide more of an additional coverage of the Wanderers rather than an alternative and there are of course problems caused by the free distribution of the papers. Not all Wycombe supporters live in the distribution area and therefore their only contact with the Club other than the programme is the Bucks Free Press which can be purchased over a much wider area. Additionally, while you undoubtedly get value for money from the BUCKS OBSERVER and THE WYCOMBE STAR, you expect a little more for your money from the BFP.

It should be noted that the BUCKS OBSERVER have noticeably increased their coverage following Wycombe's rise into the Gola League in season 1985/86, although it will always be the consistency of the coverage that will tend to impress people rather than the occasional large spread.

As a suggestion to improve the readership of the BUCKS OBSERVER, perhaps it could be arranged that copies of the paper are available from the ground during Saturday matches. I'm sure a suitable sponsorship deal could be arranged with the Club which would also benefit the advertisers in the newspaper.

COMMENDABLE IDEA

Well it finally appears to have sunk in over at Aylesbury United that Buckingham Road has "several shortcomings" according to an article in the BUCKS HERALD on March 1. This admission from the Directors of the Club followed an article in the Herald on December 21 by Sports Editor Alan Bennett detailing the problems after the game with Northampton Town. Bennett included "There was a worrying crush building up near the main turnstile and the otherwise commendable idea of letting youngsters through to the front is fraught with danger if they are then under physical pressure from those behind them."

"W.C.Fields, who hated dogs and children, might well have recommended the course of 'let the children near the front so they can be crushed more easily', but I doubt if any parents would approve."

LOFTY

He went on to add "Some thought must also be given about improving the terracing around the ground. Many people have complained to me (several even pounced on me at Wycombe on Saturday to make the point) that you had to be pretty lofty to see much of the game."

"The terracing is clearly far too shallow and I would estimate of the near 5,000 that attended the game last week, barely half could see properly."

We are well aware here that any comment we make on Aylesbury will be seen as "having a go at our local rivals" but it must be said that the shortcomings with Aylesbury's ground were and still are so blantly obvious that it would take someone living in dream world that they could ever hope to progress with such an inadequate and in cases of high attendance, unsafe ground. We made the points following the game with England back in June 1988 and it's taken so-called experts 18 months to catch up on writers of a mere fanzine.

Returning to the subject of the Women's international at Loakes Park, the much awaited WORLD IN ACTION programme was broadcast during January. Entitled "Send for the Sisters" it totally failed to get any serious or relevant message across - blandly mixing the subject of football hooliganism with Women's Football, interspersed with facile comments from the archetype male football fan, all in the space of 30 minutes.

TOO LATE

Anyway, no excuses for missing this programme as it was advertised on the Wycombe CLUBCALL line a few days before transmission - indeed it was still being advertised two weeks AFTER transmission as well. The message by Alan Robson claimed "And for those people who did and indeed for those people that didn't see the England v Italy Women's International match which we were fortunate enough to stage here at Loakes Park in November, just a note to say that Granada TV's World in Action television programme entitled "Send for the Sisters" is covering the England v Italy match in some footage and that will be shown on ITV this coming Monday evening at 8.30pm. So a little bit of interest there and a chance to see a little bit of that England v Italy match and maybe there's your face that you'll be able to see in the terraces if you were there that evening" It goes without saying that the footage of the match lasted about 15 seconds - the Club Call message on the otherhand lasted close to a minute.

Unfortunately ClubCall is turning into a rather large source of amusement for Wycombe fans.. It really is about time that someone took sole charge of the line and insured that the messages are not only updated regularly but have been recorded correctly on the equipment. It's no secret that while other lines, such as those at Yeovil and Barnet flourish, the Wycombe service has lost nearly all creditabilty and is therefore damaging the previous high reputation, not to mention the loss of potential revenue.

Gas Bag

BIRTH OF A FAN

Was it really that long ago I stood at Underhill in the hope of seeing The Bees make that last push for League status?

As I parked my car and walked to my first Conference game, I noted that Yellow & Black seemed to be the colours but why then the Blue hats behind the fax goal?

As the teams entered the pitch it suddenly hit me, the Blue was for WUFC, but there were around 300. Could there really be 300 away fans at a Conference game?

For the next 90 minutes I watched WUFC, from the lower reaches, lead 1-0 and completely dominate. Had the tables been painted upside down or had the colours been painted wrong in the programme? No, WUFC had taken the piss, really.

A goal with the last kick (head) gave The Bees a point they could not have hoped for and I went home very puzzled. As time passed, I put all this to the back of my mind, my visits to Vicarage Road became fewer and fewer as the fans got treated worse and worse. Then suddenly there I was at Lookes Park, what a ground, surely Eddie the Eagle would faint at the sight of the slope, but what charm.

Aylesbury United's 1-0 defeat was no surprise but I found 4,000 plus fans, more away fans, an amazing ground and a goal that deserved such a setting. It was just too much to cope with and I decided to take my silly football skills to the dizzy heights of the West Herts Saturday Reserve Division 3 to give me time to rehabilitate.

Then it started all over again, 16th December 1989, Bonnet at Lookes Park. A blue badge had found its way onto my coat and a miss-hit shot from the slowest No.9 I've ever seen gave a 1-0 win and verbal diarrhoea for the next two weeks.

Then Cheltenham at home. I had a scarf cleaned and pressed and managed to drag a fellow football fan to the game. The 4-0 defeat did come as a bit of a blow, indeed he has not been since. Still all was not lost. I carefully picked my next game and managed to bring three more fans with me.

I explained the sight of the Chairboys in full flight would enlighten their desperate lives, as one supported Watford and the other Bournemouth.

They watched in amazement as synchronized crap defending gave the Met. Police a 1-3 win and right enough I suffered.

My punishment was having to watch St Albans versus Staines but my head and heart were at Borrow. Then suddenly it came, a 3-0 victory, pride restored.

Next Macclesfield, a good performance and a 1-1 draw prompted talk of Fisher away and yes it is there that we write this letter - four very stupid looking WUFC fans.

Thankfully they gave a pint to each of us but we must say, yes we did ring ClubCall, yes it was still the Macclesfield report, yes we did ring the Info line, not a mention that the game was off.

I am told the Club is trying to gain support from outside Wycombe. Well, to do that they must let us know what is happening.

E Brimson,
Herts WU

Gas Bag

Dear CG,

I feel I must write to express my disgust at the verbal abuse of Martin Lambert when he came on as substitute against Windsor & Eton.

What has the player done to deserve such treatment, which at times bordered on hatred? I admit that he has not exactly taken Wycombe by storm during his brief spell here and I am sure he would admit that his own conduct has not been up to the standards that could be expected from such an experienced player.

It must be said, however, that shouting and booing never improved anybody's performance and its effect on the now improving team morale cannot be beneficial.

Hopefully, with a new manager, confidence and tolerance can build in the Club. I would hope that all supporters can follow Martin O'Neil's example and give Lambert a chance.

J Walters,
High Wycombe.

BYGONES

with apologies to Victor Lewis Smith, Paul Sparkes and 'Club X'/Channel 4 TV

BYGONE #13

JEFFWAYS COACHES!!!

JEFFWAYS COACHES!!!

Predecessors to Motts as the company taking WW teams and supporters to away games. Coaches were of a distinctive red and blue livery and each had an individual name. eg. Wycombe Wanderer 1, Wycombe Wanderer 2, Wycombe Queen and Wycombe Duke. Bookings could be made at the Jeffways' Office in Castle Street - very convenient for booking up on the way home from school for that forthcoming trip to Ilford "at the back of coach 2, please" (only old fogeys went on coach 1).

BYGONE #14

THE BLUEBIRD GIRLS

THE BLUEBIRD GIRLS



During the Wanderers headline making Cup runs during the mid 70's, the local press took it upon themselves to dress up a few local girls in Wycombe kits and parade them around the ground before the match. Of course such sexist attitudes could never exist today due to the obvious progressive and forward thinking nature of the Club.

BYGONE #15

RESULTS ON RADIO LUXEMBOURG!!!

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A bizarre sponsorship deal in the late 70's committed Radio Luxembourg to broadcasting non-League results late on Saturday evening. Obviously reception on a small tranny was hopeless and invariably faded out just as that vital Isthmian result was to be announced and thus resulting in frantic contortions just to reveal that Leatherhead had lost 1-0 at Walthamstow Avenue.




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FIXTURES

Monday 5th March 1990

Northwich Darlington

Tuesday 6th March 1990

Barrow Stafford

Saturday 10th March 1990

Altrincham	Welling
Barnet	Kidderminster
Barrow	Fisher
Boston	Telford
Cheltenham	Macclesfield
Chorley	Farnborough
Darlington	Yeovil
Merthyr	Sutton
Stafford	Kettering
Wycombe	Enfield

Tuesday 13th March 1990

Altrincham Northwich

Cheltenham Barnet

Saturday 17th March 1990

Cheltenham	Wycombe
Enfield	Chorley
Farnborough	Boston
Fisher	Altrincham
Kettering	Welling
Northwich	Yeovil
Runcorn	Barnet
Sutton	Macclesfield

Tuesday 20th March 1990

Barnet Wycombe

Chorley Stafford

Telford Yeovil

Saturday 24th March 1990

Darlington Merthyr

Enfield Northwich

Kettering Barrow

Macclesfield Fisher

Runcorn Farnborough

Stafford Kidderminster

Sutton Altrincham

Telford Barnet

Welling Cheltenham

Wycombe Chorley

Yeovil Boston

Tuesday 27th March 1990

Barrow Northwich

Wednesday 28th March 1990

Cheltenham Sutton

Saturday 31st March 1990

Altrincham Enfield

Barnet Darlington

Boston Barrow

Cheltenham Runcorn

Chorley Fisher

Farnborough Macclesfield

Kidderminster Wycombe

Merthyr Stafford

Northwich Telford

Welling Sutton

Yeovil Kettering

Tuesday 3rd April 1990

Darlington Macclesfield

Saturday 7th April 1990

Altrincham Kettering

Barnet Yeovil

Boston Cheltenham

Darlington Farnborough

Fisher Kidderminster

Macclesfield Chorley

Merthyr Welling

Sutton Runcorn

Telford Barrow

Wycombe Stafford

Wednesday 11th April 1990

Farnborough Wycombe

Saturday 14th April 1990

Barrow Cheltenham *

Chorley Merthyr

Darlington Wycombe *

Enfield Yeovil

Farnborough Northwich

Fisher Sutton

Kettering Macclesfield

Kidderminster Altrincham *

Runcorn Boston

Stafford Barnet *

Welling Telford

Monday 16th April 1990

Altrincham Runcorn

Cheltenham Kettering

Enfield Merthyr

Kidderminster Welling

Northwich Macclesfield

Sutton Stafford

Telford Darlington

Yeovil Chorley

Saturday 21st April 1990

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Cheltenham Telford

Merthyr Enfield

Northwich Sutton

Runcorn Welling

Stafford Darlington *

Wycombe Farnborough

Yeovil Fisher

Barrow Barnet

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