



People for Proper Policing in North Wales

FAW to investigate crowd trouble

The Welsh Premier League could play games behind closed doors as the Welsh FA investigate the crowd trouble that marred the North Wales derby. One supporter was allegedly injured and **the police helicopter was scrambled** as an estimated **50 fans clashed prior to Rhyl's win over Bangor at Farrar Road.**

FAW chief John Deakin. Said *"Given the possibility of potential trouble between the clubs, I think playing games behind closed doors perhaps should be considered."*

Rhyl's 2-0 win returned them to the Welsh Premier summit in front of **709 spectators** on Tuesday thanks to first-half strikes from Jamie Reed and Neil Roberts. Rhyl are due to return to Farrar Road for a Welsh Cup fourth round clash on 31 January.

But heavy sanctions could now be imposed on that game by the Football Association of Wales after Tuesday's games was overshadowed by the ugly scenes on the Farrar Road terraces. **North Wales Police inspector Steve Williams confirmed:** *"We attended a large scale disturbance between rival fans where **50 people were allegedly fighting**. It is a sad state of affairs that a small crowd cannot go to a football match and behave themselves.*

Welsh Premier League secretary Deakin has referred the incident to the Welsh FA's disciplinary committee who will launch a **"full investigation."**

No arrests were made by the police but Deakin warned any spectator named and shamed risks been slapped with a banning order.

It is not the first time Bangor supporters have tarnished their club as they were involved in ugly scenes of violence during their 4-2 Welsh Cup final win over Llanelli in May. Llanelli players were targeted by opposing fans as they spilled onto the pitch when Bangor's Christian Sergeant equalised in the last minute of normal time.

*"The penalties are predominately financial, In Bangor's defence they did carry out **a risk assessment** before the game and they did that **in consultation with the local police.**"* said Deakin

North Wales Police were called in and inspector Williams added: **"As soon as the police arrived, the disturbance was quelled. We remained at the game to ensure it could go ahead and ensured both sets of fans left the ground safely."**

The PPP comments These incidents are usually incited by a group of ring leaders **BUT** after repeated bad behaviour the Police make no arrests, the helicopter is scrambled (what on earth for?) but the mounted unit wasn't used despite a prematch **RISK ASSESSMENT.** Wolfendale was bragging in Boston about the NWP mounted unit. It's an expensive **JOKE!**

