



## Somebody needs to take control at Blackburn Rovers

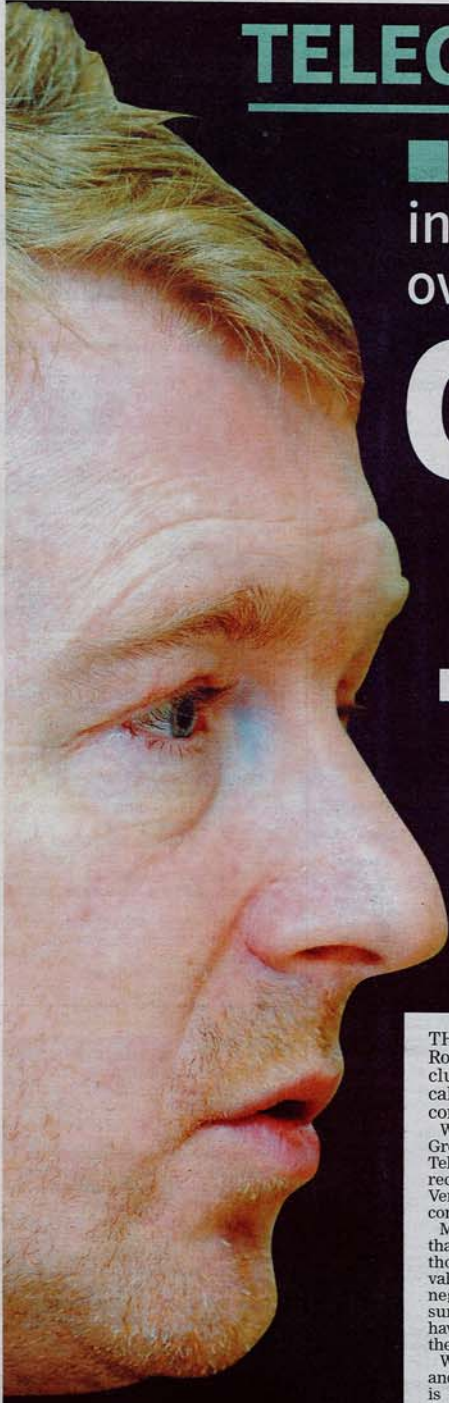
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### ■ Rovers' main sponsor WEC in strong attack on Venky's over 'lack of leadership'

# OWNERS MUST TALK TO FANS



THE group director of Blackburn Rovers' main sponsor has accused the club of a lack of leadership after calling for owners Venky's to start communicating with supporters.

Wayne Wild, group director of the WEC Group, in Darwen, has told the Lancashire Telegraph of his frustrations that he has received no direct contact from Venky's, despite writing a letter of concern to them six weeks ago.

Mr Wild, a Rovers fan for more than 30 years, admits he feels as though WEC are not being valued as clients and fears the negative publicity surrounding the club is having a direct impact on the company.

WEC, an engineering and fabrication company, is the main sponsor of the Darwen End stand and also have corporate hospitality at Ewood

By **ANDY CRYER**  
Rovers reporter

Park, with two tables in the Premier Suite, four directors box tickets, four stand tickets and a private box.

Mr Wild has been in contact with commercial manager Simon Williams for more than a month but, despite receiving a late offer on Friday of a meeting with the owners in London on Sunday, he is still waiting to have direct contact with Venky's.

Mr Wild, said: "I don't want to be treated like god, because we are not. We are a corporate sponsor and the owners have the authority and right to do what they see fit with the club.

"I don't think they understand the issues it is causing though. Blackburn Rovers football club is the heart and soul of the town, it has been for ever

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**BIG CONCERNS** WEC Group's group director Wayne Wild. Right - Venky's Anuradha Desai

## Magpies head to the leaders

**FOOTBALL:** Chorley face the toughest league match of the season tonight as they travel to Evo-Stik Premier Division leaders Northwich Victoria, 7.45pm kick-off.

Garry Flitcroft's Magpies have been drawn at Bamber Bridge in the last eight of the Lancashire Co-operative Challenge Trophy.



## Blues off to Curzon

**FOOTBALL:** Clitheroe will hope to register back-to-back victories tonight when they travel to Evo-Stik First Division North leaders Curzon Ashton, kick-off 7.45pm.

The Blues ended a poor run of form last Saturday with a 4-0 success over Radcliffe Borough.

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There are suggestions that David Beckham may return to Europe after his contract at LA Galaxy comes to an end. But at 36, surely he wouldn't want to swap Hollywood for the grind of a 38-league game season.

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## No game for Andre

**FOOTBALL:** Referee Andre Marriner has not been appointed a game this week after allowing Junior Hoilett's goal against Wigan to stand despite Morten Pedersen taking a corner to himself in the build up.

## Goulon Donny link

**FOOTBALL:** Blackburn Rovers midfielder Darryl Goulon could be set to join former team mates El Hadji Diouf and Pascal Chimbonda at Championship strugglers Doncaster Rovers.



We're taking it game by game but our aim is the top four and that's what we are fighting for

Liverpool's Glen Johnson

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