

Onlooker's Diary:

STILL building up their strength in attack, Wycombe Wanderers on Saturday signed a Welsh amateur international centre-forward, Tommy Reynolds.

Reynolds recently started work with Ernest Turner Electrical Instruments, Ltd., in High Wycombe.

He is a little out of training at the moment, I understand, and to enable him to find his form the Wanderers are playing him in their reserve side in a friendly against Leyton tomorrow.

Reynolds, who is 31, has been "capped" half-a-dozen times for Wales, on the last occasion at Shrewsbury in 1948-1949.

Two seasons ago he played for Tredegar in the Welsh Senior League first division, when they were runners-up to Lloelly Athletic. Last season he played for Treharris Athletic in the same competition. His team were again runners-up.

Another Headache

He should prove a notable acquisition to the Wanderers' strength in attack this season—but his appearance will certainly add to the selectors' headaches in sorting out all the available forwards with pressing claims for inclusion in the first team.

The Princess Roborough man, Abel Comben, has already made his mark as leader of the attack and he has been chosen as centre-forward again for the Wanderers' first Isthmian League game of the season tomorrow against Corinthian-Casuals at Loske Park.

But Comben's natural position is as inside-right. It looks as if there will be further reshuffles in the forward line.

New Role For Butler?

Applegarth's splendid form has complicated his claim to a permanent place in the forward line—but there is still Ken Butler to be considered. Butler is at present on holiday touring France, but he has intimated that he is looking forward to rejoining for the Wanderers soon. He hopes to be available for Wycombe's F.A. cup game with Aylesbury on September 2.

Butler has shown good form on one or two occasions in the past when he has appeared in the half-back line. Like Gearing, he may yet solve the problem by playing on a new role.

With two talented candidates for

leadership of the attack and with ex-Maidenhead pivot G. Bryant shaping well at centre-half, the Wanderers are unlikely greatly to miss the two Polcs. Johnny Krupa, now playing regularly for Aylesbury United, and Henrik Mikrut, still not playing at present.

Fred Gearing expects to be back from holiday in time to play tomorrow at right-half. On the other flank Wycombe have retained the ex-Dulwich player Michael Partridge.

Strong Reserve Side

With so many promising players clamouring for a chance the Wanderers have a reserve side of past or potential first team men. To-morrow they are trying Peter Birdseye as Gordon White's inside partner on the left wing.

Jimmy Filippance has his old position at right-back, with the former Chesham United player, S. F. Hobbs, as a partner. Johnny Bizzard and G. Whichlow are standing by as first team reserves.

On the reserve right wing the Wanderers are trying N. W. Douglas, former Welwyn Garden City winger.

Turner's Hopes

Go-ahead Turner's Sports Club have, of course, welcomed the arrival of international Tommy Reynolds among their ranks of sports stars.

Reynolds, as a senior, is not eligible for Turner's Wycombe Combination side so they will not grudge Wycombe Wanderers the acquisition. But Reynolds is also reputed to be a cricketer of some prowess.

Incidentally, Turner's big ambition this season is to carry off the Wycombe Combination championship after winning promotion from Division III in two years.

They are building up a useful side that will certainly make its presence felt in local junior soccer this year.

Now for Rush High Wycombe cricket and soccer is the calling of talented young Rowland Hill, brother of the late Bernard Hill.

Rowland, who has been doing so well as an all-rounder for High Wycombe Cricket Club and as a marksman for Wycombe Wanderers, was also the Royal Air Force this week.

Elusive Victory

High Wycombe missed conquest

were disappointed on Tuesday at Buckinghamshire's failure to force home their advantage in their Minor Counties championship match against Oxfordshire on the London-road ground.

Bucks on the second day had about a couple of hours in which to dismiss their opponents, who needed 205 to win.

Excitement mounted when Bucks got seven of them out for 110, with half-an-hour to go. But with Oxford's "tail-enders" batting doggedly in the emergency and with no hope themselves of getting the runs, skipper Oliver Ratcock's tactics in attack were criticised by many Wycombe followers who would have liked to see David Johns given a chance to tempt the batsmen with his slow left-arm deliveries.

A little more enterprise at this stage might have produced a really lively climax instead of the stalemate close to an interesting game.

Strongest Team?

Bright features from Wycombe's point of view were the brilliant first innings century of David Johns and the clever bowling of Alf Hughes.

But is this the strongest Bucks team available? There's room in my view for more of Wycombe's claimants for county recognition.

Youngest Player

Bucks are giving another chance to young E. V. C. Robins in their return game against Oxford at Wincey to-day and to-morrow.

At 15 Robins had his first game for Bucks on Friday and Saturday against Hertfordshire. He is one of the youngest players ever to appear in the side.

He was given three overs in the first innings and conceded 11 runs. He had a "duck" in his first innings and scored five in the second before he was caught.

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But his "googlies," acquired from his father, England ex-captain R. W. V. Robins, led up to Buckinghamshire Young Amateurs in a Colts match on Monday. Robins has now been awarded his Colts "cap."

Bucks wind up their Minor Counties programme with a second match at High Wycombe on Wednesday and Thursday against Bedfordshire.