

Fixtures Piling Up In The Blizzard

THE possibility of clearing snow from Loakes Park by volunteers during training night was discussed by Wycombe Wanderers committee this week — though it began snowing again shortly after expressions of optimism that it might be possible to resume fixtures on Saturday!

After another blank week-end for sport, frozen up in the bleak aftermath of the blizzard, officials and players of Buckinghamshire sports clubs have been anxiously watching the weather forecasts for signs of a thaw.

It seemed a pretty hopeless prospect early in the week, with biting winds and freezing temperatures packing the deep snow ever more tightly.

Even if the season is extended into the summer, many clubs will be in trouble with congestion of fixtures after the recent enforced lay-off.

Wycombe Wanderers, whose Isthmian League game against St. Albans City was cancelled on Friday afternoon, went ahead on Monday night with their plans for tomorrow's scheduled Amateur Cup game against Uxbridge in the hope that a break in the arctic weather, might make play practicable.

Later in the week Wycombe Wanderers abandoned as impracticable any plans for clearing Loakes Park of snow.

WORLEY BACK

Centre-half John Fisher will be playing for Wales against Ireland at Wrexham and his absence gives the Wanderers the chance to recall utility man Dave Worley to the defence. Worley has been chosen at left-back, with George Pullin taking over Fisher's role as pivot—a position in which he has already proved a competent and reliable performer.

One of the Wanderers' brightest young stars, Les Merrick, is still waiting for his chance to prove his worth in the senior side.

Baulked last week by the cancellation of the St. Albans game, he may get his opportunity tomorrow. He has again been chosen as Tony Charman's partner on the left wing, with Horseman at inside-right.

TRAINING ON ICE!

Loakes Park was not entirely deserted for the second Saturday of the blizzard.

When the Isthmian League match was cancelled players were called on for an emergency training session—and there was a good muster for a vigorous muscle-loosener in the snow.