

# Sunday clamp down

WYCOMBE WANDERERS have clamped down on their players taking part in Sunday football. Officials of the club reached their decision this week following reports that their players were being pestered by club's asking them to take part in Sunday games.

Secretary Bill Hayter explained "The club could never prosper in leagues and cups while senior players are involved in Sunday competition.

"Already our players are playing twice a week and we feel that if they were to play on Sunday's it would be too much football. Also, there is the risk they could sustain injuries during Sunday games which would make them unavailable for selection".

Tomorrow B.B.C. television drama group cameras will be at Loakes Park taking crowd and action shots of the game against Kingstonian.

This is to illustrate a story, being produced by the B.B.C. about a struggling professional club, who sign a first division star and eventually begin to experience a change in their fortunes.

## Back on Sunday

The cameras will be rolling again on Sunday, when Wycombe's players will return to the ground accompanied by their children for behind the scenes shots. A mobile canteen will be in attendance and the children should have an enjoyable day out.

Next week will provide a hectic match programme for at least three of Wanderers' players. On Tuesday, October, 8, Wycombe are scheduled to visit Sandy Lane, home of Tooting and Mitcham for an Isthmian League game.

The following day, Wednesday October 9, the Berks and Bucks F.A. meet the Army F.A. at Loakes Park. Three Wycombe players Barry Baker, Len Worley

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and Tony Horseman have been selected while Keith Samuels is substitute with Julian Lailey as twelfth man.

No doubt many Wanderers' fans will find it surprising that Julian Lailey cannot force his way into the Allied Counties team.

Wanderers' secretary Bill Hayter has received official news that Loakes Park will stage the amateur international trial between the Southern Counties and the Northern Counties on Saturday, October 26.

Tony Horseman has been chosen to lead the South and Wycombe hope to have another two players involved. If this situation does materialise then Wanderers will press to be given a free day from Isthmian League duties.

## Jock in charge

It should not go without mention that Jock Sheppard, Wanderers' popular team attendant, has been invited to manage the South team. This justifiable reward is certainly deserved as Jock works hard behind the scenes at Loakes Park, often without full recognition for his services.

Club officials have been pleased with the response from the public in regards to invasions of the pitch. Since their appeals for behaviour hardly anyone has encroached on the playing area.

The Wanderers' Supporters Club, in conjunction with the parent club, have taken over page four of the club programme to keep in contact with their mem-

bers. They hope to produce a special Wanderers Supporters Club tie in the near future.

## Magpies must wait

Thinking ahead, Amersham Town Football Club approached their local Parish Council recently with a view to a grant under the Physical Training and Recreation Act.

But, the club shot the gun, for before such a grant can be considered, they will have to show the Playing Fields and Open Spaces Committee plans of the proposed improvements, and estimate of their cost, and the club's balance sheet.

Previously the Council had turned down similar requests on the grounds that the Magpies were a professional club. "But now we are basically an amateur club, and so we are hoping for a more favourable reaction", explained player-manager Jimmy Strain.

Outlining the plans for improving facilities at Spratley's Meadow, Strain revealed that they included the tarmacing of an area from the gates to the dressing rooms, for use by cars and a brick building extension to the clubhouse as a storage space.

"Now we have got to go into details and submit our plans to the council again" he said.

Already Amersham are in the process of enclosing the playing area with Oak wood beams and a six by one inch rail. "We are waiting for materials at the moment but it should be finished in the next few months" added Strain.

Money for his scheme has been raised by various funds and a donation made by the club President, John Brazil. What will happen should the Town's request be turned down again? "We try elsewhere".

Said Strain: "Our main aim is to build the ground up so that it will do credit to both the club and football".

Spratley's Meadow is frequently loaned to other local sides, such as Pioneer Scouts, of the Wycombe Combination—a factor which Amersham hope will play a part in the Council's eventual decision.

## Improved rider

Judged to be the most improved rider of the 1968 Motor Cycling season, Alan Barnett, of Iver, received the first place award of £250 at the "Evening News" International "Race of the South" meeting at Brands Hatch last Sunday. Two years ago, he was placed third in the 'Grovewood Motor Cycle Racing Awards.

At 25, Alan is considered a National Championship contender, and belongs to that all-too-rare company for whom modesty is a natural attribute rather than a cultivated virtue. As number one in "Uncle" Tom Kirby's stable, he has gained the reputation of being unassuming and likeable as well as a rider of outstanding ability.

His rise to prominence was as conventional as could be, through club events conveyed by an AJS TR of 1959 vintage. It is not so long ago that Alan first made the big time, but in such a short period, his fortunes have fluctuated from near calamity to the kind of success that exceeds the dreams, and even the ambitions of most.

In 1967 he came off at Castle Coombe, breaking his leg in several places to conclude an unhappy season. But, this season he has been battling at the forefront of the 350 and 500 cc championships on the Kirby Metisse machines which he proudly polishes and helps to maintain between races.