

SENIOR CUP FINAL REPEAT ON THE WAY?

HELLENIC LEAGUE "giant-killers," Abingdon Town, will be trying for another major Berks and Bucks Senior Cup upset when they travel to Loakes Park on Saturday to challenge Wycombe Wanderers for a place in the final.

Their appearance in the last four comes at the embarrassment of two local Athenians, Marlow (beaten 4-3 in round one) and Chesham United (k.o.'d in the quarter finals).

It seems odds on a repeat of last season's final between the "big boys" — holders Slough and Wycombe, both of whom are still interested in League-Amateur Cup doubles. The Rebels entertain neighbours, Windsor and Eton at the Dolphin on February 12.

The Wanderers report full backs Derek Gamblin (pulled hamstring) and Paul Birdseye (continuing ankle trouble) are almost certain to be out again on Saturday.

Wycombe Combination clubs continue the local challenge for the Berks and Bucks Junior Cup in round 5 on February 19. The matches — divisional semi-finals — feature Premier B pacesetters, Chesham St. Mary's at home to Newland Park, while Marlow Rangers are also home to Hambleden.

Flackwell Heath Reserves, after finally disposing of Wycombe United, now must account for Coopers Sports Reserves if they are to qualify to play Eton Wick Reserves away.

Sorry we
could not
tell you
before...

WHAT a great pity Wycombe Wanderers failed to ensure their Berks and Bucks Senior Cup semi-final draw was given the fullest and speediest possible publicity, writes Mike Whiteman.

The draw appeared in their match programme at Loakes Park on Saturday, and the club were apparently informed by a County F.A. official over the phone by Tuesday evening — in good time to have made sure it was passed on to the local press, upon which many supporters depend for up to date news of their club.

Instead, as official notice from the Berks and Bucks F.A. was only received by post last Friday morning — after 'Free Press' publication — we have been unable to publish the draw until now.

It is just another case pointing to the lamentable situation with regards to Wycombe's Press liaison.

They are one of the very few amateur clubs who still do not recognise the need and advantages of a press officer or indeed of the press medium. And it is at times like this when Wanderers' supporters suffer accordingly.

It has long been the complaint of amateur football in general that they are not afforded sufficient coverage by the press, so it seems particularly puzzling any club should throw away the chance of publicity when it is available.

I trust the club, which is so go-ahead in much of its other thinking, quickly wakes up to reality on this matter, to assist the local press in its attempts to keep supporters as widely informed as is possible.

ON SATURDAY...

K.O. 3 p.m. (unless stated)

Berks and Bucks Senior Cup semi-final: Wycombe Wanderers v Abingdon Town.

Spartan League Cup (2.30 p.m.): Chalfont St. Peter v Molesey.

Hellenic League Division I Cup 3rd round: Princes Risborough v Burnham. Division I (B): Stokenchurch v Amersham Town.

Reading Senior Cup 3rd round (2 p.m.): Flackwell Heath v Ernest Turners, Holmer Green v Marston United.

Marlow (free date).