

THE present power crisis has produced a further threat to local football. Some firms have decided to change to Saturday working and some matches were this week put in danger through lack of players.

Already the Wycombe Combination matches, Hughenden Rangers v. Totteridge United, and Totteridge United Res. v. Chesham St. Mary's Res. have been called off because Totteridge can assemble only nine players.

Combination secretary Mr. David Townsend said he expected several more games to be postponed by the time Saturday afternoon arrived. There is also a possibility recent heavy rain will put parts of the programme in doubt.

However the power crisis should not affect the Wycombe Combination's Allied Counties

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Inter-League semi-final against Basingstoke at Loakes Park. At the time of writing Tony Thompson, Broomwades' defender, is the only Wycombe doubt.

FIXTURE LATEST ON WANDERERS

THE power crisis adds to Wycombe Wanderers' present fixture tangle, with all floodlight games suspended. The Amateur Cup date is now definitely set for Saturday, March 4, and therefore those preparing for the Walton trip have another fortnight yet.

Obviously the usual mass exodus from Wycombe can be expected. The 100 or so stand tickets sent by Walton were snapped up in double quick time before the match with Leytonstone last Saturday.

Meanwhile, international news is still very much in the Wycombe air, after Wednesday's England game in France—even though both Micky Mellows and Derek Gamblin were forced to withdraw, through tonsillitis and ankle trouble respectively.

It was interesting to note the

inclusion of Slough Town's Tony Amos for Mellows, who himself had been only a late inclusion after Joe Adams of the Rebels cried off due to a bout of flu. Another new face was Colin Woffinden, Sutton's dangerman.

At the time of writing, the England-Eire tussle at Loakes Park was due to go on as planned next Friday evening. However, with the present ban on floodlighting, this game might well have to be rearranged.

As we reach mid-February,

Wanderers are reasonably well advanced with their lengthy fixture list for the season. They have ten Isthmian games to play, a Berks and Bucks Senior Cup Final, four Floodlight League Section B matches, and at worst one more Amateur Cup tie in store.

It is unlikely their Floodlight League interest will extend to the play-offs as Slough seem to have it pretty well sewn up in the Section. Hopes however are high that Walton will be only a further stepping stone to the later stages of the route to Wembley. The minimum of remaining games therefore may be 16, but there are good chances of more before the end of the season.

Tomorrow is also important to Wycombe's Amateur Cup prospects. Although they themselves face a fortnight's delay, most of the third round ties are being played tomorrow, and the quarter final draw is to be made on Monday.

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