

MICKY MELLOWS has again dropped out of the England squad.

Forced to withdraw before last week's 1-1 draw in France through tonsillitis, he also misses the clash with the Republic of Ireland at Loakes Park on Friday afternoon. Mellows played in midfield for Wanderers at Clapton on Saturday, but clearly had not fully recovered.

But, although Derek Gambelin continues on the injury list, Wycombe are still represented by the trio which played in

Brest — John Delaney, Ted Powell and Larry Pritchard — in the squad.

Gambelin may resume training on Thursday. But the club, report he will certainly not be fit to play in the Isthmian League game arranged at Walthamstow on Saturday — only 24 hours after the international.

Although their Amateur Cup tie at Walton has been set back to March 4, Wanderers opted to accept the Isthmian League's offer of a match instead.

Such a decision clearly indi-

cates the Blues' aim to advance as far as possible with their league programme to avoid a fixture pile-up at the end of the season. It could also help to further their already sizeable lead at the top. For Hendon, their closest rivals, have a free date on Saturday due to international commitments, and on March 4 face a replay at Maidenhead of their third round Amateur Cup match after Saturday's goalless draw.

Arrangements for Friday's international at Loakes Park were being hastily altered after

the news that Eirc had declined to switch the game to Saturday.

To beat the floodlight ban, kick-off time is brought forward to 3 p.m. instead of 7.30 p.m. as originally planned. At the weekend, Wycombe issued an appeal for supporters to volunteer as stewards for the game. The committee will be "very thin on the ground" due to business commitments, explained secretary Bert Crump, who asks for those interested to contact an official.

The afternoon start will inevitably hit what might have

been a large "gate" for the international. "I wouldn't even like to venture a guess," said treasurer Roger Lee, when asked for a new estimation.

Those who have already purchased tickets for the game, but will now be unable to attend, can contact Roger for a refund.

The Eire match is a repeat of the game played at Loakes Park two years ago, when Larry Pritchard scored a late deciding goal in the 3-1 home success.

The pass then came from Ted Powell, like Larry a Sutton

United star at the time.

The last meeting saw a 1-0 England win played out in Dublin on March 6, 1971.

SATURDAY'S PROGRAMME

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

Isthmian League: Walthamstow Avenue v. Wycombe Wanderers.

Athenian League Division 1: Finchley v. Marlow.

Berks and Bucks Intermediate Cup semi-final: Blechley United v. Ernest Turners.

Spartan League (2.45 p.m.): Chalfont St. Peter v. Feltham.

Hellenic League Division 1(A): Burnham v. Eastington.

Division 1(B): Princes Risborough v. A.F.E.E. (Harwell); Rivets v. Amersham; Stokenchurch v. Kidlington.

COUNTY NAME THREE BLUES AT SLOUGH

THREE Wycombe Wanderers players are included in the Berks and Bucks F.A. side to play Kent in their Southern Counties Amateur Championship (Senior) match at the Dolphin Stadium, Slough on Monday, March 6. Provisional kick-off time is 7.30 p.m.

John Delaney captains the side, which also includes his fellow Wycombe and England colleagues, Ted Powell and Larry Pritchard.

The full team is: D. Wells (Chesham United), K. Mead, R. Eaton (Slough), E. Powell, J. Delaney (Wycombe Wanderers, capt.), M. Scott (Maidenhead United), P. Cruse (Slough), L. Pritchard (Wycombe Wanderers), M. Chatterton (Maidenhead United), J. Ritchie (Slough), A. Fottman (Maidenhead United), Sub.: G. Olson (Maidenhead United), Reserve: B. Baker (Maidenhead United).