

IT COULD BE an all-Bucks final to this season's Amateur Cup campaign. Wycombe and Slough were separated by the semi-final draw, announced from Lancaster Gate yesterday (Monday) afternoon.

Wanderers play either Hendon or Hitchin, if they dispose of Hayes in the quarter final; the Rebels take on the winners of the Leatherhead-Blyth Spartans replay, if they can win at Enfield. Both semi finals are set for Saturday, March 18. Wycombe would play at Brentford's Griffin Park ground.

It is a comparatively kind draw for the Blues; at least, it is the lesser of two evils. For, as Isthmian League clubs, Hendon and Hitchin hold no surprises.

Wycombe have pre-claimed an easy League 'double' over Hitchin, and beaten Hendon at Loakes Park in August. Obviously Hendon, who ousted Maidenhead 1-0 at York Road on Saturday, would be the tougher opponents.

But first, Wycombe must contend with Hayes — against whom they have yet to score after two previous meetings.

Wanderers make their third appearance in the quarter finals in as many seasons. The previous two occasions saw them lose unhappily to St. Albans and Skelmersdale. They must feel confident of better things at Loakes Park on Saturday however — even without star midfield man Larry Pritchard.

They failed to score in both these games. But skipper John Delaney told me on Monday:

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"I think we'll score at least one goal this time — even if I have to score it myself."

Early estimates set the probable attendance at between 7,000 and 8,000. Wycombe's committee met on Sunday to thrash out arrangements.

It will be an all ticket affair as far as seating accommodation goes. The plan is very much "same again," as in past matches. Centre block tickets (C. and E.) will be on sale price 40p., while wing blocks (A., B. and F.) will cost 35p.

All C. Block tickets held by season ticket holders will be retained until Wednesday evening, after which they will be on general sale. Tickets can be obtained from Loakes Park every day this week from 7.30 p.m. to 9.30 p.m. at the Treasurer's office.

Saturday's Fixtures

K.O. 3 p.m.

Amateur Cup Quarter Final: Wycombe Wanderers v. Hayes. Athenian League, Division 1: Herne Bay v. Marlow; Spartan League, Chalfont St. Peter v. Banstead Athletic. Hellenic League, Division 1 (A): Aylesbury Town Corinthians v. Ernest Turners. Division 1 (B): Amersham v. Stokenchurch, Princes Risborough v. Waddesdon. Division 1 Challenge Cup, semi-final 1st leg: Burnham v. Fairford Town.