

● Wycombe's penultimate Isthmian League fixture — at home to Bishop's Stortford on Saturday, May 13 has been brought forward to a 2.15 kick off due to the West Germany v England international being televised later in the afternoon.

Four Blues

TWO GOALS by John Butterfield of Enfield gave England a 2-1 victory in their amateur international against Denmark in Copenhagen on Wednesday. England, who included four Wycombe Wanderers in Derek Gamblin, Ted Powell, John Delaney and Larry Pritchard, were watched by a crowd of over 9,000.

WYCOMBE Wanderers stand expectantly on the brink of another Isthmian League title.

The season-long challenge of Hendon was shattered beyond repair by a 2-1 defeat at Hayes on Tuesday night, leaving Enfield — 2-0 winners at Leytonstone — the only club still in with a numerical chance of overhauling the champions.

But even the Southbury Road squad go into their home clash against Hitchin Town tonight grimly aware that even the merest slip by them will settle the title race in Wycombe's favour.

SO CLOSE

Wanderers need only one point from their last three fixtures to be certain of at least a title play-off, and two to clinch the top spot outright. Enfield however must win all their remaining five games.

Howard Moxon's men, who close the season at Loakes Park on Friday, May 19, hope to continue the long string of victories that pushed them back into the reckoning so late in the campaign.

They could yet gain a degree of revenge for losing the Amateur Cup final to Hendon by forcing the Claremont Road club into third place.

Hendon's League and Cup

WANDERERS ARE ON THE BRINK OF TITLE WIN

double dream lay in tatters after the fatal setback at Church road. They have paid dearly for dropping a string of points in the last month.

But the memory of their 2-1 triumph against Wanderers in the Amateur Cup semi final at Brentford still remains prominent. And Wycombe will need to reproduce form on a par with that which dealt with Sutton last Saturday to avenge that disappointment.

Wanderers' return to championship form in beating Sutton 3-0, came as welcome reassurance after a series of off-peak displays. A repeat tomorrow evening at Hendon could be a two-way boost — revenge for "Brentford", and completion of a League double begun with a 1-0 win under the Loakes Park floodlights last August.

MAGIC MOMENT

Claremont Road was the scene of perhaps Wycombe's

most magical moment last season. With every point vital in the closing stages of the championship tussle, they offset the loss of goalkeeper John Maskell through an early injury, played until half time with ten men, and went on to a sensational 3-1 victory.

Subject to Wednesday night's charity game against Mike Keen's XI, and the England international in Denmark, Wanderers report a clean bill of health. Last man on the casualty list, Trevor Waughman was unavailable on Wednesday, but is set to play against Combined Services in the Westminster Hospital Cup match at Loakes Park next Wednesday evening.

A knee injury sustained in the Isthmian clash with Kingstonian on April 1 has kept him sidelined ever since.

Although unlikely to make drastic changes if the League is still in doubt by tomorrow, Wycombe manager Brian Lee might well see the poor showing of midfield man Johnny Hutchinson on Saturday as the sign to give Mick Hollifield a

fresh run out in the side at Hendon.

England skipper Ted Powell, along with fellow internationals John Delaney, Larry Pritchard and Derek Gamblin, should be back from Denmark for the game. The news that Powell will be leaving Wycombe at the end of the season was confirmed by Kingstonian manager Vince Burgess.

In a press statement issued earlier this week, he said: "I would like to confirm that Ted Powell will be joining Kingstonian as player-manager for next season by mutual agreement with his present club.

"He is leaving for personal reasons. I am naturally very pleased Ted is joining us. I have great respect for him both as a player and a coach."

TOUR FIRST

Powell, who will also act as assistant manager, makes the switch after returning from Wycombe's Whitsun tour of Greece. He recorded several Berks and Bucks appearances during his two-season stay at

Loakes Park, and earlier this term was appointed as third member of the Wanderers coaching team.

In company with Delaney, Pritchard, and Micky Mellows, he is picked for the Isthmian League Representative squad to play in Italy on Sunday, May 21.

The Isthmians meet a Combined Italian Amateur Leagues side for the Barrassi Cup, which was first presented to be contested annually by the respective Amateur Cup winners of both nations.

The party flies off on the Saturday — one day after Wycombe end the season. It promises to be a hectic few days. For on Thursday, May 18, not only are Wycombe due to finish their premier Floodlight League programme at Oxford City, but also the Berks and Bucks take on Sussex at Slough in the final of the Southern Counties Amateur Championship.

Several Wycombe players are certain to be called up by the Allied Counties.

Under such circumstances, Wanderers might decide to repeat a past move, by recruiting a local club to represent them at Oxford. Last season Clackwell Heath played under the guise of Wanderers at Chesham.

ISTHMIAN LEAGUE
(Leading positions up to and including Tuesday, May 2)

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
WYCOMBE	37	30	3	4	100	16	63
Hendon	36	23	8	5	77	29	54
ENFIELD	35	24	6	5	84	34	54
Wilton	38	22	8	8	63	35	52
St Albans	40	23	4	13	74	47	50
B. Stortford	37	22	5	10	57	34	43
Sutton Utd	37	18	10	9	68	43	46

PREMIER FLOODLIGHT

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Slough Town	14	6	1	7	5	1	0
Maidenhead United	13	3	2	1	5	1	0
WYCOMBE WANDERERS	13	4	2	1	4	0	1
Chesham United	14	2	2	1	4	0	1
Reading United	14	4	0	3	2	1	4
MARLOW	13	1	1	4	1	1	5
Oxford City	13	1	1	4	1	1	5
Wokingham Town	13	2	0	5	0	1	5

LEAGUE SECTION B

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Wokingham Town	14	6	1	7	5	1	0
Maidenhead United	13	3	2	1	5	1	0
WYCOMBE WANDERERS	13	4	2	1	4	0	1
Chesham United	14	2	2	1	4	0	1
Reading United	14	4	0	3	2	1	4
MARLOW	13	1	1	4	1	1	5
Oxford City	13	1	1	4	1	1	5
Wokingham Town	13	2	0	5	0	1	5

Remaining games: Tuesday, May 9. Maidenhead v. Wokingham; Thursday, May 18. Oxford v. Wycombe.