

Wycombe fly up tomorrow!

WYCOMBE Wanderers players and team officials leave Heathrow Airport at 10 am tomorrow (Wednesday) to fly north and meet Blyth in their rearranged FA Trophy second round tie at Croft Park starting at 2 pm.

Blues, of course, were due to meet the crack Northern League side on Saturday but a telephone call to High Wycombe on Friday evening conveyed the message that the match was off.

Apparently the Croft Park pitch had not thawed and the icy ruts were considered dangerous by a local official called in to inspect the surface.

This was a tremendous blow for the hard working Wycombe Wanderers Supporters Club who had laid on a Football Special to take 300 fans up to Blyth and back.

Fortunately the postponement was announced early enough to prevent anybody making a wasted journey. The train was cancelled and all supporters who bought the tickets can have their money refunded.

Manager Andy Williams had mixed feelings about the

postponement. While he felt very sorry for the fans, few of whom would now see the game, he was glad that it gave him more time to get skipper Howard Kennedy fit.

Kennedy first injured his ankle in the Barking match in the previous round and he aggravated the knock in

training last week. He definitely would have been ruled out of Saturday's encounter, but now stands a slight chance of playing tomorrow.

One man who definitely will not play is teacher Bobby Davies, who is still away on a school outing. In any case he has an injured knee.

Away again

Wycombe will receive little reward if they manage eventually to beat Blyth Spartans, for they have been drawn away once again. But they will have to wait for some time before knowing their opponents.

Their opposition will be one of three teams — Accrington Stanley, Consett or Isthmian Leaguers Hayes. Accrington, a former Football League side, still have to meet Northern Leaguers Consett in a first round tie.

The winners will then be away to Hayes in the second round. If Hayes come through Wycombe will be confident, having already beaten them twice already this season.

The date for the next round is Saturday, February 24, should the weather relent and allow all the outstanding fixtures to be played.

Objections

If the tie is postponed yet again, Wycombe are hoping to have it played this coming Saturday, although there are bound to be objections from the Berger Isthmian League as this would be a precedent. The more likely date is next Monday.

The Supporters Club were trying to arrange with Jeffways for a single coach to go up to Blyth tomorrow. But the coach will not now go.