

BORG SIGNED FOR RECORD £2,000 FEE

WYCOMBE Wanderers fought off the challenge of several Southern League clubs to acquire the services of the highly talented Dulwich Hamlet defender George Borg, who signed on last week, writes MICHAEL KNOX.

To achieve this major coup Wanderers had to pay a club record fee of £2,000 but it is widely regarded as money well spent for a player of rare skills.

Borg, who will be 22 in May, has been unsettled at Dulwich recently because of his inability to find a regular spot in his favourite left back position. Too often for his liking he has either been left out of the side or asked to play in mid-field.

So after Dulwich had been knocked out of the FA Trophy a fortnight ago, it was mutually agreed to place him on the transfer list.

Naturally several clubs showed an immediate interest but Borg himself was keen to come to Wycombe, even though it meant considerable travelling from his home in South London.

Triumph

This must be seen as a great triumph for the new Wycombe managerial team of Mike Keen and Brian Lee. Keen, who had seen him play about three years ago for Millwall Reserves when boss at Watford, completed the signing on Tuesday night, although it was not made public until shortly before Saturday's match at Harrow.

After clinching the deal Keen said, "What I like most about him was that he wanted to play for us that's so important. He is particularly good at coming forward and will prove an undoubted asset to the side."

Borg certainly impressed Brian Lee last year, for he was a member of the Isthmian league representative squad for the match against the Southern League. Lee managed that side and is

known to be an admirer of the player.

The signing solves Wycombe's problem position of left back, which has been a source of worry since Bobby Davies' premature retirement at the end of last season.

One of the reasons Davies gave for his giving up was his distaste at playing at left back. Now that problem has been solved Davies might well be persuaded to return to Loakes Park in another defensive role.

The signing of Borg indicates Wycombe's determination not to sit and watch as they slip down the table and also shows that

Wycombe financially are able to keep their heads above water.

Borg is likely to make his home debut tonight (Tuesday) when Wycombe meet Amersham Town in a replay for the Bowyers Charity Trophy. In the original match, which marked the opening of Magpies new lights, the teams drew 3-3.

One man eager to do well in what has become known as the 'Pork Pie Cup' will be Magpies striker Jim McCarthy discarded by Wanderers in the New Year.

On Saturday Wycombe have a highly attractive home fixture against Oxford

City managed by Bobby Moore and struggling manfully to avoid relegation.

BERGER ISTHMIAN LEAGUE PREMIER DIVISION

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Enfield	36	21	7	8	61	26	70
Walthamstow	36	21	6	9	75	43	69
Dulwich	34	18	13	3	54	28	67
Dagenham	37	17	13	7	68	47	64
Sutton	35	16	13	6	52	31	61
Harrow	39	16	13	10	60	48	61
Woking	33	16	8	9	66	43	56
Barking	35	15	10	10	59	43	55
Tooting	33	17	4	12	48	47	55
Wycombe	38	13	13	12	58	47	52
Hitchin	36	12	13	11	51	54	49
Harlow	33	13	8	12	42	44	47
Hendon	38	12	10	16	45	51	46
Leatherhead	38	11	9	18	48	52	42
Hayes	36	11	9	16	45	54	42
Boreham Wd	36	11	8	17	40	57	41
Slough	36	11	8	17	38	62	41
Staines	37	10	6	21	38	63	36
Croydon	34	9	7	18	47	51	34
Oxford	37	8	8	21	38	78	32
Carshalton	34	8	7	19	38	66	31
Tilbury	37	7	9	21	37	75	28