

Worcester — a tough draw

WYCOMBE Wanderers have been drawn away to the powerful Alliance Premier League side Worcester City in the fourth qualifying round of the F.A. Cup to be played tomorrow week (November 1).

This really is a tough draw for the Wanderers, as Worcester are one of the strongest sides outside non-league football. They finished third in the Alliance last season and are well placed with games in hand, this winter.

In the competition so far Worcester have already disposed of Malvern Town, Llanelli and Barry, so Wycombe will provide them with their biggest test to date. They took two games to defeat Barry, drawing at home, and then winning 3-2 away on Wednesday.

They are packed with players of Football League experience. Perhaps the best known is the former Aston Villa goalkeeper Jimmy Cumbes, who also plays cricket for Worcestershire.

Cumbes has missed most of City's games this season as

he is on a cricket tour of the West Indies, but he is expected to be back before the Wycombe game.

Other experienced players include defender Paul Bevan, formerly of Swansea, Shrewsbury and Crewe, ex Wolves player Gerry O'Hara and striker Steve Crompton, who has played for both Wolves and Hereford.

Beat Liverpool

Worcester can boast a record unique in British football — that of a 100 per cent success record against Liverpool in the F.A. Cup.

It was back in 1958/59 that they defeated Liverpool, then a First Division side, 2-1 in the third round of the cup. They went out 2-0 to Sheffield United in the next round.

Watch out Wycombe!

Fowles leaves

Gary Fowles, Wycombe's tall central defender has been released by the club. Fowles, who was not on contract, was unhappy playing Reserve team football and so is on the move.

Fowles has been at Loakes Park intermittently for the past three years, but the return of Bobby Davies to a central defensive role, has rendered him surplus to requirements.

Manager Mike Keen has revealed that he hopes to sign a new forward in readiness for tomorrow's match. If signed, this new player could replace Mick Holifield, who has been suffering from a nagging injury in recent games.

Steve returns to Flackwell

Fleet Reserves 0, Wycombe Reserves 1

STEVE Toll, who for much of the season has been skipper of the Reserves, has decided to return to his old club, Flackwell Heath.

Toll, brother of Wycombe striker Gary, was not in the Reserves side which came away from Fleet Reserves with a 1-0 victory, thanks to a goal by Paul Miles in the Suburban League South Division on Saturday.

The only goal of the match came in the 34th minute and followed a period of Wycombe pressure. Earlier in the half, Miles had seen his shot from a Keith Mead free kick

hit the cross-bar and cleared by a defender.

Blues defence also had their moments of pressure. Chris Way was lucky enough not to concede a goal when a Fleet forward beat him, but then put his shot against the underside of the bar and saw it rebound into Way's arms.

Howard Kennedy, who is due to have a leg operation, turned out for the reserves. Ian Rundle took a knock in the second half and had to limp off, to be replaced by Clarke.

Wycombe: C. Way, T. Lee, I. Rundle (sub R. Clarke 80 mins), K. Mead, K. Stanmore, M. Richardson, P. Miles, A. Hunt, H. Kennedy, K. Stensbridge, E. Jack, Sub: R. Moore (not used).