

WYCOMBE Wanderers open their new campaign behind closed doors with a friendly match against Hillingdon on Tuesday.

This encounter was originally due to be played at Hillingdon but their Leas Stadium ground is not ready after the usual summer repairs.

The first idea was to switch to Loakes Park, but that was ruled out because the dressing rooms there are being re-floored. So the game will now take place at Bisham Abbey and no longer counts in the official statistics.

With several players either starting or finishing their

Football

holidays, manager Mike Keen is uncertain about his line-up, although more than eleven will play.

Glynn back

Leading striker Terry Glynn has returned from the United States and will probably play. Defender George Borg, who has been playing throughout the summer for Carolina Lightning is due back in mid-September.

But Mick Holifield will no longer be seen at Loakes Park. Because of business

pressures and a forthcoming marriage, he has retired from football after a marvellous ten years with the Blues.

His exciting running and dribbling skills will be greatly missed. Since the start of last season Wycombe have lost the services of five regular first team players.

Hard work

In addition to Holifield, they are Terry Scott, Steve Hardwick, Gary Fowles and Tony Price. For this reason Mike Keen considers Wycombe will have to show commitment to stay near the top.

"To an extent we are relying on several untried players, so it will take a lot of hard work. But I'm confident we can do well," he said.

Wycombe's first competitive game comes on Saturday week when they travel to meet Ishmian champions Slough in a match for the Dylon Charity Shield.