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Keen must lift his 'shattered' players

MIKE Keen has the manager's supreme task of mentally lifting his side, for what could be a Berger Isthmian League championship decider at Sutton United tomorrow (Saturday).

The Wycombe manager, who felt his side played their hearts out at Barnet on Tuesday night, must decide whether he can field the same line-up against the Premier Division leaders.

Bob Davies seemed lost in the unaccustomed position in midfield and looked much happier when moving into the back four. Keen still has not solved the problem of who to leave out of his defence.

"Shattered"

He was not particularly happy with the performance of George Borg at left back, and might even consider moving him into midfield if Howard Kennedy's recurring ankle trouble does not clear up.

"I feel terrible," said Keen

after the Barnet match. "The lads are a bit shattered, because the prize was very big. But the important thing now is to prepare for Sutton. We owe them something."

They certainly do. Sutton are the only visiting team to win at Loakes Park this season, having triumphed 3-0 on the first day of the new term. Davies had to be carried off after three minutes with an ankle injury.

But Sutton themselves might suffer a little let-down after their last minute defeat by Swindon in the FA Cup on Tuesday. They scored first through the dangerous Mickey Joyce but went down, in time added on for injury.

Wanderers, eight points behind the leaders with two games in hand, cannot afford to lose this one. But there is no logical reason why they cannot resume their excellent 20 match unbeaten run, ended by Barnet.

Then, on Tuesday, Wycombe travel to Slough for their postponed third round tie in the Hitachi Cup.

This is yet another tough match and test of character.

The winners of the tie will travel to either Bishop's Stortford or Carshalton Athletic. They were due to play on Tuesday, but the match was postponed and has been re-arranged for January 5.

The rest of the fourth round draw is: Kingstonian v Met Police, Wembley or Southall v Farnborough, Sutton or Leytonstone and Ilford v Hitchin.

BERGER ISTHMIAN LEAGUE PREMIER DIVISION

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Sutton	24	15	6	3	46	22	51
Wycombe	22	12	7	3	38	23	43
Woking	26	10	8	8	42	35	38
Staines	20	10	6	4	33	20	36
Slough	23	9	9	5	35	25	36
Walthamstow	23	10	5	8	42	35	35
Leytonstone	19	10	4	5	36	24	34
Tooting	23	9	6	8	37	33	33
Stortford	25	10	2	13	36	42	32
Croydon	22	9	4	9	37	29	31
Hendon	21	8	7	6	27	25	31
Hayes	22	8	6	8	30	27	30
Hitchin	24	8	6	10	32	43	30
Bromley	25	9	3	13	37	52	30
Harrow	20	8	5	7	40	32	29
Leatherhead	24	7	7	10	29	38	28
Barking	25	7	6	12	30	40	27
Billericay	20	6	8	6	26	24	26
Harlow	21	5	7	9	27	36	22
Dulwich	22	6	3	13	23	42	21
Boreham	24	4	8	12	27	37	20
Carshalton	21	5	3	13	22	50	18

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published. The return match at Hayes fixture clash.