

Function leads to evening start

HAYES, who have proved a constant thorn in their side over the past few seasons, provide Wycombe Wanderers with their opposition twice during the Christmas and New Year holiday.

But, for a series of reasons, which ironically have nothing to do with the winter weather, the teams are meeting on different dates and venues to those which appear in the fixture list.

Wycombe will, after all, be free on Saturday, but will now entertain Hayes at Loakes Park on Monday, with a 7.30pm kick-off.

This is an unusual starting time for a match on Ban. Holiday Monday. The reason behind the evening kick-off emerged this week.

Wanderers, thinking there would be no game at Loakes Park that day, booked their clubhouse for an outside function and, of course, this long-standing arrangement could not be changed at short notice.

Fixture switch

The reason for the switch of fixture was to allow Wycombe Reserves to play their Berks and Bucks Intermediate Cup fourth round match against St John's Hospital at Loakes Park on Saturday, January 2.

The first team were due to meet Hayes there on that date. That encounter will be played at Church Lane instead.

Following the postponement of their visit to Sutton on Saturday, Wanderers are still eight points behind the leaders with two games in hand. They could do with two wins over the holiday.

But Hayes, standing in mid-table, will not be easy to beat. For instance, they became the

first team to win at Sutton this season — a result which opened up the title race a little.

Signings

Under manager Roy Ruffell, Hayes have a different look about them this season. Goalkeeper Paul Priddy has returned to Brentford and former Watford player Laurie Craker has signed for Staines. Among others to have gone are forwards Joe Auguste and Gary Huxley.

They are skippered by Mick McGovern, formerly of Q.P.R. and Swindon, and include new signings Reg Leather (Woking), Roy Davies (formerly of Slough) and Dave Byrne from Harrow Borough.

Leading scorer is utility player Mick Howell with eight goals.

Hayes have not played a game since December 5, so Wycombe should have the advantage of fitness, especially as they have been training at Brenchwood School, Downley, by courtesy of defender Bob Davies who teaches there.

BERGER ISTHMIAN LEAGUE PREMIER DIVISION

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Sutton	24	15	6	3	46	22	51
Wycombe W	22	12	7	3	38	23	43
Woking	26	10	8	8	42	35	38
Staines T	20	10	6	4	33	20	36
Slough T	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 T	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	36	28
Barking	25	7	6	12	30	40	27
Billericay	20	6	8	6	26	24	26
Harlow T	21	5	7	9	27	36	22
Dulwich	22	6	3	13	23	42	21
Boreham Wd	24	4	8	12	27	37	20
Carshalton	21	5	3	13	22	50	18

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	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Wokingham	22	13	3	6	41	22	42
Met Police	21	12	6	3	32	18	42
Oxford City	23	11	6	6	43	28	39
Bognor	16	10	6	0	28	10	36
Feltham	19	11	2	6	33	21	35
Epsom	20	11	2	7	29	18	35
Lewes	21	10	4	7	41	38	34
Hornchurch	24	8	9	7	23	26	33
Kingston	18	10	1	7	27	23	31
Wembley	20	7	9	4	36	27	30
Aveley	21	7	6	8	25	37	27
Tilbury	23	5	10	8	22	34	26
Hampton	20	6	6	8	28	26	24
Hertford	19	6	6	7	28	29	24
Maidenhead	21	6	6	9	32	39	24
St Albans	18	7	2	9	27	23	23
Chesham	20	6	4	10	20	28	22
Farnborough	16	5	4	7	26	25	19
Clapton	22	4	4	14	25	43	16
Walton	21	3	6	12	13	39	15
Ware	23	4	2	17	20	44	14