

Wycombe thoughts may be elsewhere

THE sudden thaw came too late to save Wycombe Wanderers' Berger Isthmian League match against Hayes at Loakes Park, on Monday night. The snow-covered pitch was never likely to be fit for play.

But the prospects must be better for the so-called return match against Hayes at Church Road on Saturday — a traditionally tough encounter for the Blues.

This will be their first Premier Division encounter for more than a month — since they came back bravely to draw 2-2 at Leytonstone on November 28.

Since then they have beaten Chesham in the Berks & Bucks Senior Cup and, of course, lost to Barnet in the F.A. Cup.

It would be quite understandable if the thoughts of Wycombe players occasionally drift over to Underhill, where their conquerors will be entertaining First Division Brighton in the third round of the F.A. Cup.

The likelihood is that this match will be televised, thus adding salt into the wounds of defeat. But Blues must get down to the job of winning

the league title — the ultimate honour.

Then on Tuesday Wanderers visit old rivals Slough in their postponed Hitachi Isthmian League Cup third round tie. The winners will be away to either Carshalton or Bishop's Stortford in the next round.

There will be cup action at Loakes Park on Saturday as Wycombe Reserves meet St

John's Hospital, of the Ercol Senior Section, for a place in the last eight of the Berks and Bucks Intermediate Cup.

Sporting table

DURING the first half of this season, which in the Berks and Bucks FA has produced an alarmingly high number of cautions and dismissals, 23 Wycombe League teams have yet to have a booking or sending off.

The league's sports-

manship table is shown below.

	P	C	D	Best Rec
Ercol Senior	69	34	6	Prestwood
Senior Res	49	22	2	Broom Res
Premier	63	12	3	C'field Utd
Division 1	52	6	4	Holmer Green 'A'
Division 2	50	20	1	Prestwood 'A'
Division 3	52	23	2	Wyc Valley
Division 4	57	9	3	Hithercroft
C — Cautions D — Dismissals				