

Bob Davies retires

FOR the second time in three years Bob Davies, one of Wycombe's central defenders, has decided to retire.

The first time he gave up was at the end of the 1978/79 season when he found he was not enjoying football under the managership of Andy Williams.

However, he was brought back to Loakes Park by Mike Keen at the start of the 1980/81 season. A school teacher by profession, Davies who has extra responsibilities at work this year feels he will be unable to give the necessary commitment to football.

He was troubled by an ankle injury last season and has had a slight injury already this term. However, after telling manager Mike

Keen of his decision on Tuesday he added that he would be available should an injury crisis arise.

Keen said of Davies: "He's one of the blokes who's excellent to have around the place."

Pleased

The only other injury concern has been that to Paul Birdseye (hamstring). He is unlikely to be fit until the middle of next week, so Keen, pleased with his team's performance against Bognor on Tuesday, will probably field the same side against Croydon tomorrow (Saturday).

With the signing of Peter Suddaby, who has decided to give up the professional game and return to

Wycombe where he was in the early 70s, Birdseye may struggle to regain his place.

Ken Wilson, who was substituted after aggravating a minor knee injury on Tuesday, should be fit, while Steve Thorne is likely to retain his place on the subs bench.

Croydon, who last season beat Sutton to win the Surrey Senior Cup, arrive at Loakes Park with only a point from their opening match against Hitchin to their name. They lost in midweek to Leytonstone.

On Tuesday Wycombe play their first cup tie of the season when they entertain Harrow Borough in the first round of the Hitachi League Cup, in which the Blues reached the semi-final last season. Kick off is at 7.30pm.