



Grounded Steve Thorne raises his arms in delight after heading in Wycombe's first goal in their excellent 2-0 victory over Sutton on Saturday. The other score was a great 30 yard shot by Howard Kennedy.

Leytonstone provide the main threat

HAVING safely booked their place in the Hitachi Cup final, Wycombe Wanderers can now concentrate on trying to win their first Isthmian League title for eight seasons.

The championship race is beginning to sort itself with the main threats to Wycombe coming from Leytonstone & Ilford and Hayes.

Harrow Borough seem to be paying the price for success and are starting to fall by the wayside as the fixture congestion mounts. Their first priority, as Wycombe's was last season, must be to reach Wembley in the FA Trophy.

Four of Wycombe's last five games are away, starting with the potentially tricky visit to Carshalton Athletic tomorrow (Saturday).

No change

Laurie Churchill's side are still smarting from the disputed late penalty that enabled Wycombe to win their encounter at Loakes Park a couple of weeks ago. They are never easy to beat on their own ground at the best of times.

With George Borg suspended for three weeks, and both Gary Lester and Terry Glynn regaining fitness in the reserves, Mike Keen seems set to make no changes from the side that played Bromley on Tuesday night.

After the visit to Carshalton, Wycombe's remaining Premier Division games are: Tues April 5 v Slough (A), Sat April 9 v Woking (A), Sat April 16 v Leatherhead (A), Tues April

19 v Barking (H).

Leytonstone, only nine points behind with five games in hand, have ten matches to play at home to Woking, Hayes, Walthamstow, Harrow, Carshalton and away to Walthamstow, Bognor, Tooting, Wokingham and Slough.

Wycombe reserves are also chasing two titles. They

are well clear in the Suburban League North Division and tomorrow entertain Dulwich Hamlet Reserves in the semi-finals of the League Cup.

SERVOWARM ISTHMIAN LEAGUE PREMIER DIVISION

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Wycombe	37	22	6	9	68	43	72
Ley'stone	32	19	6	7	55	30	63
Dulwich	35	17	11	7	51	41	62
Hayes	31	18	6	7	49	29	60
Slough	31	14	11	6	55	23	53
Croydon	35	15	8	12	56	42	53
Sutton	32	15	7	10	79	52	52
Tooting	31	15	6	10	53	44	51
Harrow	27	15	5	7	55	38	50
Hendon	34	15	3	16	43	40	48
Stortford	33	13	8	12	50	46	47
Billericay	30	13	7	10	39	30	46
Barking	31	12	8	11	38	41	44
Staines	36	10	10	16	54	96	40
Hitchin	36	11	7	18	43	61	40
Carshalton	32	11	6	15	38	47	39
Wokingham	30	10	7	13	26	33	37
Bognor	28	10	6	12	28	34	36
Walth'mstow	35	7	12	16	35	56	33
Bromley	30	8	8	14	28	35	32
Woking	34	5	5	24	25	64	20
Leatherhead	34	4	3	27	30	100	15

Early copy

SPORTS correspondents are reminded that because of Easter, next week's Bucks Free Press comes out a day early — on Thursday. All copy must reach the Comm Road offices by first thing on Tuesday.

Sports Mail

WYCOMBE'S match against Sutton last Saturday was the first of two vital 'six pointers' in the quest for the championship; the second, of course, will be the match at Slough.

The following extract from the programme for Slough's match against Carshalton last week should help to whet the appetites of the Wycombe fans:

"... we have some tough matches still to play. Sutton and Wycombe present themselves gift wrapped at our doors. Let's try and eat them up and in the process enhance our progress up the table where, as we all know, the real prize is that coveted place in the Alliance."

Incidentally, in case anyone is still under the mistaken impression (following inaccuracies in the Sunday Journal and in the league table printed in Midweek last Tuesday) that Slough beat Hayes 4-0 last Saturday, the truth is that Hayes won 1-0, thus denting Slough's championship prospects rather severely but enhancing their own no end!

The league matches between Hayes and Harrow (Wycombe's two most serious challengers after Leytonstone) promise to be quite something. In the meantime, let us hope that it will be their wounds, rather than their lips, which Slough will be licking at 9.15 on April 5!

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