

Well done, but team needs strengthening!

I FEEL this is the opportune moment to congratulate local club Wycombe Wanderers on their great performance in lifting the Servovarm Isthmian League championship after a tremendous finish.

Of course, the chief architect was modest manager Mike Keen and his able assistant Alan Davies. But the team as a whole responded magnificently.

Perhaps a word should be said about the contribution of Howard Kennedy, who, although suffering persistent pain, was a great inspiration to the younger players.

Popular

Behind the scenes, officials including renowned chairman Brian Lee and secretary John Goldsworthy put in a lot of unheralded effort — not forgetting treasurer Gerald Cox and commercial manager Mike Phillips for helping to see the club kept on a secure footing.

On the outside, David Addy of Norman Reeves Motors, the Wanderers' first big sponsor, was a popular figure both with those associated with the club and local charities who benefited from the

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Player of the Month award.

Two big disappointments were ex-supporters who a few years back said they would return when we had a good team again but still suffered 'TV eyeballs' and some local schools who apparently could not put up posters to encourage their pupils to support the club.

Our aim next season must be to retain the championship and make a concerted effort to lift the FA Trophy, remembering that we haven't won a national trophy for 52 years.

So we must strengthen the team in all departments with a replacement for Howard Kennedy a must, and another striker with heading ability to supplement Steve Perrin.

We forced a record number of corners but most were wasted because we did not have a Searle or Delaney to take advantage of them.

With men of the calibre of Brian Lee and Mike Keen at the top I see no reason why we shouldn't be the top non-league club in the country.

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Presentations galore for Wycombe Wanderers. From L to R: Dave Pitwell, Syd Starkie (Servovarm), Tony Lee and Alan Turvey.

More honours for Blues

WYCOMBE Wanderers formally received their prizes for winning the Servovarm Isthmian League Premier Division title at the League's annual dinner and dance in the Grosvenor House Hotel, London.

The dinner clashed with the Wanderers' end-of-season tour to Tunisia so it was left to non-touring committee men Dave Pitwell and Tony Lee to receive the awards on the club's behalf.

Mr Syd Starkie, operations director and general manager of Servovarm, presented them with their winner's

cheque worth £2,500, the championship trophy and pennant.

He commented: "Servovarm and the Isthmian League were very pleased with last season's results and because of this success we have decided to build on our two-way partnership well into 1985."

League chairman Mr Alan Turvey asserted: "We believe the structure of the match and player awards has produced more lively football with greater supporter appeal and I'm pleased for next season that we are to receive £26,000 in sponsorship to help continue this work."