

Hard start, says Keen

WYCOMBE Wanderers, the reigning Servowarm Isthmian League champions, have been given what manager Mike Keen describes as "quite a hard start" to their title defence next month.

The first match, at home to Bromley, on Saturday, August 20, looks straightforward enough, but that is followed by some tough away fixtures.

During the first month they have to visit Dulwich Hamlet, Barking, Bishops Stortford and Leytonstone, none of them easy tasks. Those are the first four away matches.

However, the Blues have been drawn at home in the first round of the Hitachi Isthmian League Cup, in which they finished runners-up to Sutton last season.

Their opponents at Loakes Park on Monday, September 29, are Letchworth, who finished last season in the middle of Division Two.

Mr Keen is still waiting to hear whether Northampton mid-field player Paul Saunders is coming to Wycombe. The players is now back from holiday and the manager expects to hear soon.

Wycombe have an interesting build-up to the new campaign. They open with a friendly behind closed doors against Beaconsfield on Saturday, August 6. Then on the following Tuesday they face crack Alliance League side Enfield.

Sutton are the opponents in the Dylon Charity Shield at Loakes Park on Saturday, August 13, and the Blues travel to Aylesbury United on August 16.

WYCOMBE'S LEAGUE PROGRAMME

Sat, Aug 20 v Bromley (h), Tues, Aug 23 v Dulwich Hamlet (a), Sat, Aug 27 v Barking (a), Mon (Hitachi) v Letchworth (h), Sat, Sept 3 v Carshalton (h), Tues, Sept 6 v Sutton (h), Sat, Sept 10 v B Stortford (a), Tues, Sept 13 v Leytonstone (a).