

Competition is a healthy thing

IN the programme at the recent Hendon match, Wycombe Wanderers' secretary wrote: "I am convinced it is not the time to panic and make wholesale changes."

He should come and talk to some of the few remaining supporters while we're still there.

Wycombe are out of the FA Cup, Berks and Bucks Cup and have no chance of retaining the Isthmian title.

How much longer is he prepared to accept this situation? Attendances are at an all-time low and the mood at Loakes Park is one of depression.

Automatic

And yet the club has a successful Reserve team with players regularly scoring goals. Surely this is just the time to throw some youngsters into the first team.

It is an old truth that competition for places is a healthy thing, while a policy of automatic selection week after week can be dangerous.

The situation at Loakes Park has close parallels with recent goings-on at Highbury. Arsenal suffered a league defeat at Leicester, followed by a midweek cup defeat by a side from a lower division.

Immediately the chairman acted and told the players he was not willing to accept second best. At Wycombe the reality doesn't seem to have sunk in yet.

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