

Keen's Christmas injury crisis!

THE last thing Mike Keen needed for Christmas was more injuries, but that is exactly what he received in the closing stages of Saturday's match against Tooting.

The sight of both Steve Long and Bob Dell having to limp off with recurrence of previous injuries, must have made the Wycombe manager wish for a mid-season break.

Long, out for nearly three weeks with a groin strain, felt he was fit enough to return and came through well before pulling the muscle again just after scoring the first goal.

Casualties

Then, even worse, was the ankle injury suffered by Bob Dell, whose midfield authority and know-how was so badly missed during Wycombe's recent sad run.

Both these experienced players seem likely to miss the Christmas matches, including of course the Isthmian League encounter at home to Dulwich Hamlet tonight (Tuesday).

Other casualties in what has become an injury crisis are Terry Glynn, who badly bruised a foot against Grays in midweek, and 'flu victims Jim Jacobs and Gary Lester.

Goalkeeper Lester also has other various aches and pains. He was badly missed against Tooting when deputy Chris Way had a match he would prefer to forget.

There is a chance that both Glynn and Jacobs will be fit for tonight, but with both George Borg and Ken Wilson serving the second week of their 14 day suspension, there could be some unfamiliar faces out on the field.

Those Reserves who could make the first team include Anthony Riley in midfield and forwards Joe Kotvics and Roger Moore.

Another Reserve, centre half Dave Crook could return

in the near future. There is concern that he is not improving at Wycombe and would benefit more from playing in the Athenian League.

With all these injuries Keen must be relieved that Wycombe do not have to travel to leaders Worthing on Saturday. This scheduled match has been postponed as the seashiders are playing in the FA Trophy.

The draw for the first round proper of the Trophy, which sees the entry of Wycombe, will be on Monday. Ties will be played on January 14.

SERVOWARM ISTHMIAN LEAGUE PREMIER DIVISION

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Worthing	20	12	4	4	51	29	40
Hendon	23	12	4	7	34	22	40
Dulwich	24	10	8	6	36	32	38
Slough	21	11	4	6	44	32	37
Sutton	20	10	5	5	34	21	35
Hitchin	19	9	6	4	27	25	33
Stortford	24	8	8	8	36	36	32
Hayes	19	8	7	4	26	18	31
Harrow	16	9	3	4	24	16	30
Bognor	19	8	6	5	29	26	30
Croydon	23	8	6	9	30	34	30
Leytonstone	21	8	4	9	26	31	28
Staines	20	7	5	8	33	33	26
Carshalton	26	6	8	14	34	45	26
Wycombe	19	6	5	8	25	29	23
Tooting	20	5	6	9	29	35	21
Harlow	21	5	5	11	29	37	20
Billericay	18	5	4	9	27	38	19
Bromley	21	4	6	11	16	31	18
Waith'stow	14	4	5	5	21	24	17
Barking	19	4	5	10	25	37	17
*Wokingham	19	4	6	9	25	30	15

*3 pts deducted