

Blues fix up friendly

WYCOMBE Wanderers will fall further behind in their programme of matches following the postponement of this week's Servovarm Isthmian League Premier Division match at home to Hayes.

The champions were due to entertain Hayes at Loakes Park tonight (Tuesday), but plans had to be scrapped after torrential rain led to the postponement of the Middlesex club's FA Trophy tie at home to Barnet on Saturday.

Instead this third qualifying round tie will be played tonight, and the Wycombe match be put back until later in the season.

In order to retain match fitness Wycombe have arranged to play Athenian League leaders Burnham in a friendly at Loakes Park tonight.

This fixture was only arranged late Sunday night, but both teams should benefit from the encounter, as there are no Athenian fixtures for a fortnight.

Frozen

The Blues have been unlucky with their fixture list this season, with several matches being called off due to various cup replays and rearranged matches.

Then last week, their home game against Dulwich, scheduled for Tuesday, had to be called off because of the frozen state of the ground.

With last Saturday's visit to Worthing being postponed due to the Sussex team's involvement in the Trophy, Wycombe have had something of an enforced winter break.

When they take the field at Slough on Boxing Day, for the first of their two traditional holiday matches against their old rivals, Wanderers will not have had a league match for 16 days.

This break has come at a good time for Mike Keen's injury hit side. The delay should enable him to have a virtual full-strength side for the matches against Slough.

The return game is at Loakes Park on Monday January 2, but before then the Blues entertain improving Billericay on Saturday, December 31.