

Success is no embarrassment

Sports Mail

I SHALL be delighted if Wycombe Wanderers Reserves achieve the draw (or indeed victory) at Hendon on Saturday evening which would give them the Suburban League championship in their final season. I, for one, will be there to lend vocal support.

I shall miss the entertainment which the Reserves have provided — often substantially better value for money than that provided by the first team.

But (and I certainly hold no brief for Brian Lee) I do think all the talk about the success of the Reserves being an embarrassment to the club is rather illogical.

What Mr Lee argues (I

think) is that the gap between Suburban League and Isthmian League standards is too large.

His argument is surely vindicated when (goalkeeper apart) even the best side in the Suburban League cannot produce within the season more than one player (the admirable Graham Pearce),

capable of slotting in without difficulty into the first team, and two (Richard Mikurenda and Roger Moore) who look to have considerable potential in the longer term.

Or is Mr Lee being unreasonable about how many (and how quickly) reserve team players can be expected to make the higher grade?

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A LETTER in last week's Bucks Free Press under the heading 'Lee should go, not Keen' did not carry a name and address, due to an unfortunate error.

The letter, in fact, was written by Mr R. Fields, of Grenfields, Downley, and in no way expressed the views of this newspaper.

Apologies for the misunderstanding and embarrassment thus caused.