

'Mistake' claims Mike

MIKE Keen relinquished his job as Wycombe manager on Monday still convinced that the club had made a mistake.

Keen's four-year reign at Loakes Park had no happy ending as Blues went down to Sutton in the two-legged final of the Hitachi League Cup.

But, despite the defeat, the former Wycombe boss was adamant that he had been harshly treated.

"I believe the club has made a bad decision getting rid of me," said Keen after the cup final at Sutton.

"I have contributed more to this club than any of its officers and my record speaks for itself.

"In four years I have missed only two games to go and watch my son Kevin playing but in some people's eyes this is unacceptable."

Difficult

Although there was no fairytale finish to his managerial career at Wycombe, Keen was full of praise for his side.

"They have had a difficult season but ended up doing quite well," he commented.

"Some of the younger lads who have come through from the reserves have gained valuable experience which should stand them in good stead for next season.

"It's these lads I will be most sad to leave. We were beginning to work well together but who knows what will happen to them under a new manager?"

Keen has had a few tentative enquiries about his services from other clubs but he will not rush a decision about returning to football management.

His final words on the Hitachi Cup defeat were simple.

"I think we really blew our chance in the first leg when perhaps we should have scored a few more goals."