

Bence talks to mystery men

WYCOMBE Wanderers manager Paul Bence had talks with three mystery players this week in a bid to bring new blood to Loakes Park.

But the Blues boss, who admits he wants to strengthen his playing staff, refused to name any of the trio.

"Let's just say I have a lot of irons in the fire at the moment, and I'm not show-

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ing any of my cards," he said.

But the Wycombe manager did reveal that he was greatly encouraged by the attitude of the senior players currently at Loakes Park.

Meeting

"They have a lot of regard for this football club and that's always very encouraging to see," commented Bence.

The manager will be busy next week meeting his other players to have a chat and try to sort out any difficulties.

He will also continue his search for a new man to run Wycombe Reserves now that they have been saved from extinction.

Bence, and the club's committee, want the second string side used to blood youngsters who will ultimately strengthen Wycombe's

chances of winning the Isthmian League title again.

"Running a reserve team is an expensive past time," said the manager.

Breeding

"It can take around £4,000 a year to keep it going and if you're not producing one or two players for the long term future, then it's a waste of money.

"I intend to run the Reserves as a breeding ground, not a trophy winning exercise so that we can get more players coming through."

The reserves, who have won the hearts of many of recent months, will compete in the Suburban League next season — the league the won so triumphantly in May.

But perhaps the real action will come in the local schools and district football as the Blues try to attract the cream of Wycombe's crop of young football players to Loakes Park.