

Keen gives helping hand to Heathens

FORMER Wycombe Wanderers manager Mike Keen is back in football.

Keen is helping out with coaching at Flackwell Heath as the Wilks Park club prepare for their first Isthmian League campaign.

"It suits me fine because I know most of the lads and it's a good way of keeping in trim," said the ex-Blues boss.

"But I'm just helping out and if an offer came along from another club I would consider it.

"I've had a couple of offers which have not suited me but at the moment I'm enjoying the involvement with the lads at Flackwell."

Valuable

Keen's experience was welcomed by Flackwell manager Chic Saunders.

"We run the training between us and obviously a man of Mike's experience is very valuable," commented Saunders.

"But I'm still in charge of the palying side."

Saunders has signed up former Loakes Park man Kevin Edwards and another Blues player Dave Bradley could be joining him.

Bradley has trained at Wilks Park but has not yet put pen to paper.

Flackwell have retained all their players from last season and they kick off their friendly programme with an attractive match with Wokingham at Wilks Park on August 4.

Four days later Egham are the visitors followed by Maidenhead Town on August 11. Wembley come to Wilks Park on August 14.

Marlow have signed on almost a complete team to boost their squad!

Manager Steve Melledeew has fixed up Seven new players to bolster the ranks in preparation for a tough Isthmian League campaign ahead.

Shrewd

Hughie Cheetham, a former Reading midfielder man, is the best known of the bunch.

But Melledeew has also pulled off particularly shrewd signings in Paul Tillen, the former Maidenhead United goalkeeper, and

midfield player Steve Runham from Wokingham.

Two former Newbury team mates Brendan McKevitt and left back Crowdy should also prove useful assets to Marlow.

Right-back Colin Murgatroyd, formerly of Hungerford, and Mikey Makepiece who turned out last season for Thatcham are the other new signings.

The other player Marlow have lost since last season is striker Mick Kearney.

Marlow kicked off their season last Saturday with a 2-2 draw against Hungerford in a friendly.

Their next workout comes a week on Saturday when they visit Feltham before facing Basingstoke on August 7 in their first home friendly.

On Saturday, August 11 they entertain Staines before the start of the serious stuff.

In stark contrast to Marlow, **Chalfont St Peter** have made no new signings — as yet.

Campaign

But Saints' boss Nicky Beach is showing an interest in Wycombe Wanderers' players Steve Thorne, Neil Wiles, Billy Hubbick and Anthony Riley.

"Ideally I would like three new players and have made enquiries," said Beach.

"The Wycombe lads seem interested in training over here but nothing has been sorted out yet."

Beach is also talking to Hemel Hempstead player Des Sonner.

Meanwhile, Saints get under way on August 4 with a friendly at Thatcham and a match at home to Aylesbury on the following Tuesday.

Old Eastamians provide the opposition on August 11 before a match against Chesham on the Tuesday night.

Saints face Flackwell Heath at Wilks Park on August 18 in the Hitachi League Cup before opening their league campaign the following Saturday at Harefield.

Already Chalfont have had a bit of bad luck.

They have been drawn at

home in the FA Cup 1st qualifying round to Oldbury United on September 15.

Oldbury come from the Birmingham area and, under FA Cup rules, Chalfont will have to pay their expenses.

"We get it back at the end of the season, but it's still of lot of outlay in the season," commented manager Beach.