

Bence hands out praise

WYCOMBE manager Paul Bence praised his side for their application and will to win on Saturday.

Bence claimed that it was these attributes which proved the difference between a stunning success story and an expensive failure against Dartford.

"We wanted to play and they didn't. It's as simple as that," commented the Blues boss.

"Everyman on our side wanted to play and get stuck in, unlike Dartford who complained from the moment they arrived about the pitch.

Fears

"We got to the ground at noon and tried out different kinds of footwear.

"Then we had lunch and, as the players relaxed, their fears about the pitch vanished.

"Then we went out and proved that the pitch was playable with our performance."

Bence felt that winger Kenny Wilson played an important part in the thrilling 6-1 victory.

"Kenny gave us a better balance, but the men in the middle, Dell and Collins, also did particularly well."

Blues are now without a game tonight (Tuesday) because the scheduled Hitachi League Cup tie with Bishop's Stortford has run into more problems.

Stortford are involved in a FA Trophy replay at Bath, so the Hitachi match has been rescheduled for next Tuesday.

Blues are at home on Saturday to Walthamstow.



Heads I win . . . captain Anton Vircavs powers home Wycombe's third goal.



Read is on the mark again with a neat chip, putting Blues in front for the first time.

Old boys witness slaughter

THREE former Wycombe stalwarts sat together at Loakes Park on Saturday and watched as their old club pulled off a runaway win.

George Borg would have turned out for Dartford but for a suspension which thwarted his hopes of facing his former team-mates.

Beside him were Slough manager Howard Kennedy and his recent signing Terry Glynn.

Borg in particular received a warm welcome from the Loakes Park faithful.

But by the end of a harrowing 90 minutes his warm smile was replaced by a frown as his team-mates were bundled out of the FA Trophy.



Dave Russell takes the cheers after netting the best goal of the game.

Weather victims

EVERY other local senior game fell victim to the weather on Saturday.

Biggest casualty was the Isthmian League Division 2 (North) derby at Wilks Park between Flackwell Heath and Chalfont St Peter.

Marlow's home match with Tring and the games involving Burnham and Amersham were also frozen out.

Chesham managed to start their Isthmian League Division 1 encounter with Met Police but the referee called a halt at half time with the score standing at 1-1.

Wycombe Reserves and Beaconsfield were also idle — but they had no scheduled fixtures.