



Stretch to it . . . Wycombe players know they are back to the hard grind.

Shocks as Blues go back to work

WYCOMBE'S promotion winning squad was back in training on Thursday without three of their most experienced campaigners.

Winger Kenny Wilson, and defenders Trevor How and Kevin Tilley, have left Loakes Park and now manager Paul Bence is desperately trying to replace them.

The Blues boss revealed that he is attempting to complete a dual signing but refused to say who the two players are or where they are from.

But unless he can fill the vacancies created by the departing trio, Bence will find himself in charge of a weaker squad than last season!

And that could spell trouble for a club facing its first ever campaign in the toughest non-league competition in Britain.

"I have got to find a wide player and a good defensive player before the start of the season," said Bence at the club's first pre-season training session at Bisham Abbey.

"There are two players I have in mind who are considerably younger than the ones who have just left."

Favourite

Bence's original offer for the players was turned down but he has increased the money.

Meanwhile former Loakes Park favourite Wilson and ex-player of the season How have decided to remain in the Isthmian Premier Division.

Wilson, 31, has joined Slough after Wycombe refused to meet his demand for higher wages.

"We were unable to meet the player's personal terms so he has

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moved on," announced Bence.

How was given the choice of joining Wilson at Slough but opted for Harrow Borough instead.

"Trevor went on the transfer list during last season and was never taken off," said Bence.

"We tried to re-negotiate terms but he seemed keen to leave."

How signed for Harrow on Wednesday for a small fee.

Tilley, a regular at right-back last season, was released by Wycombe during the close season.

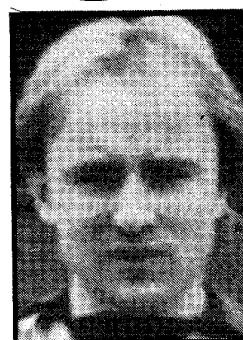
"I knew by the end of the season that I wanted someone stronger in that position," explained the manager.

"I don't know whether he has signed for anyone."

An early season casualty is winger Roy Fairchild who injured his ankle road running last Wednesday and could be out for several weeks.

Last season's player of the year Dave Burgess has been named as club captain while central defender Anton Vircavs remains as team skipper.

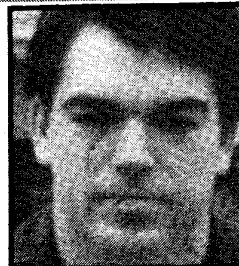
Old heads have gone



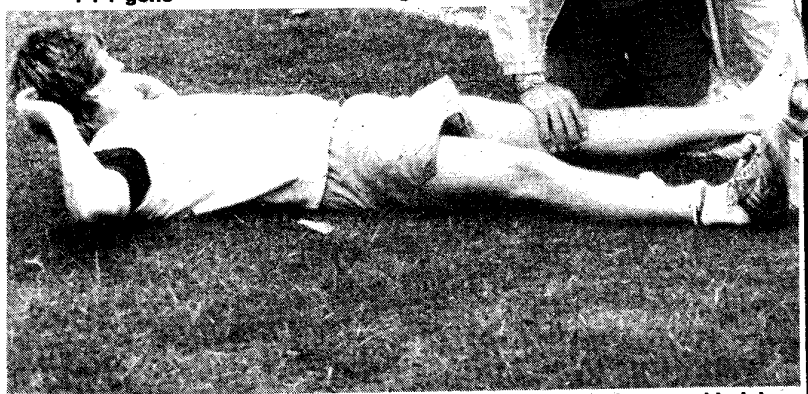
TREVOR HOW
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KENNY WILSON
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KEVIN TILLEY
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Early season casualty . . . Roy Fairchild receives treatment for an ankle injury from physio Dave Springell.

The season ahead

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Pre-season friendlies: August 2 (h) v Crawley Alexandra (7.30); August 8 (h) v Tottenham Hotspur XI (7.30); August 10 (a) v Walton & Hersham; August 13 (a) v Newbury (7.30); August 15 (a) v Metropolitan Police (7.30).

Dylon Shield: August 17 (a) v Sutton Utd.

Goal League and cup matches: August 24 (h) v Runcorn; August 26 (a) v Barnet; August 31 (a) v Altrincham; September 3 (h) v Dartford (7.30); September 7 (a) v Dagenham; September 10 (a) v Dartford (7.30); September 14 (h) v Steford; September 17, Bob Lord Trophy 1st round, 1st leg (h) v Weymouth (7.30); September 21 (a) v

Barrow; September 25 Bob Lord Trophy 1st round, 2nd leg (a) v Weymouth (7.30); September 28 (h) v Enfield; October 1 (h) v Nuneaton (7.30); October 5 (a) v Scarborough; October 9 (a) v Maidstone (7.30); October 12 (h) v Weymouth; October 15 (h) v Cheltenham (7.30); October 19 (a) v Northwich.

October 22 Berks and Bucks Cup 1st round (h) v Buckingham (provisional date); October 26 FA Cup 4th qualifying round; November 2 (h) v Barrow; November 5 (h) v Oxford University (friendly 7.30); November 9 (a) v Wealdstone; November 16 FA Cup 1st round proper; November 23 (a) v Bath; November 30 (h) v Northwich; December 4 (a) v Weymouth (7.30); December

7 (a) v Kidderminster; December 14 (h) v Boston.

December 21 FA Trophy 1st round; December 26 (a) v Nuneaton; January 1 (h) v Dagenham; January 4 (a) v Runcorn; January 7 (h) v Army XI (friendly 7.30); January 11 (h) v Maidstone; January 25 (a) v Enfield; February 1 (h) v Scarborough; February 8 (h) v Bath; February 15 (a) v Boston; February 20 (h) v RAF XI (friendly 7.30).

February 22 (h) v Altrincham; March 1 (a) v Telford; March 8 (a) v Frickley; March 15 (h) v Barnet; March 22 (h) v Telford; March 29 (a) v Steford; March 31 (h) v Frickley; April 5 (h) v Kidderminster; April 12 (a) v Kettering; April 19 (h) v Wealdstone; April 26 (a) v Cheltenham; May 3 (h) v Kettering.