

Happy birthday for Bence

WYCOMBE manager Paul Bence was tickled pink with Saturday's birthday present from his players — FA Trophy success at Barnet.

"That was a smashing present," exclaimed the Blues boss, who is now 37.

"It was almost a re-run of our win there in the league earlier this season.

"It was like the Alamo in the first half and everyone deserves praise for our resolute defending.

"We looked dangerous

on the break, as we proved with the penalty, but I admit we were fortunate to go in at half-time 1-0 up.

Bence will take advantage of Wycombe's free Saturday this week to watch FA Cup opponents York City in action at Walsall.

"Both Alan Gane and myself will probably go up to take a look at them," admitted Bence.

Bence expects to name the same side for Blues's Boxing Day trip to Nuneaton in the Gola League.

Sacked!

BARNET manager Roger Thompson was sacked less than an hour after Wycombe had knocked them out of the FA Trophy on Saturday.

Thompson, who took over from Barry Fry 11 months ago, was axed by chairman Stan Flashman because of his side's erratic form in the Gola League.

Thompson's costly signings of ex-professionals John Lacy, Don McAllister, Steve Whitworth and Gordon Smith have failed to bring results at Underhill.

Former Spurs man McAllister has been appointed acting manager.