

GOLALEAGUE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Enfield	42	27	10	5	94	47	76
Frickley	42	25	10	7	78	50	69
Kidderminster	42	24	7	11	99	62	67
Altrincham	42	22	11	9	70	49	63
Weymouth	42	19	15	8	75	60	61
Runcorn	42	19	14	9	70	44	60
Stafford	42	19	13	10	61	54	60
Telford	42	18	10	14	68	66	51
Kettering	42	15	15	12	55	53	49
Wealdstone	42	16	9	17	57	56	47
Cheltenham	42	16	11	15	69	68	46
Bath	42	13	11	18	53	54	45
Boston	42	16	7	19	66	76	44
Barnet	42	13	11	18	56	60	41
Scarborough	42	13	11	18	54	50	40
Northwich	42	10	12	20	42	54	37
Maidstone	42	9	16	17	57	66	36
Nuneaton	42	13	5	24	58	73	36
Dagenham	42	10	12	20	48	66	36
Wycombe	42	10	13	19	65	84	36
Dartford	42	8	9	25	51	82	26
Barrow	42	7	8	27	41	86	24

Gane feels the pain of leading Blues to first ever relegation

ALAN Gane became the first Wycombe manager in 101 years to experience the humiliation of relegation when Blues' Gola League fate was finally sealed on Sunday. He became the unhappiest statistic in the club's long history when Wanderers were squeezed out of non-league's top flight by the narrowest possible margin — goal difference.

"I feel absolutely gutted," said the stunned Wycombe boss.

"The club has never been relegated and neither have I. "It is a sickening feeling."

What might have been a joyous three days for Wycombe turned into a Bank Holiday disaster.

For not only did they fall from grace in the Gola but they also let the Berks and Bucks Senior Cup slip from their grasp on Monday.

Grace

The task that confronted Wycombe on Saturday was simple.

Victory against Kettering would ensure Gola football next season. A draw or defeat could mean being sucked straight back into the Vauxhall-Opel Premier Division.

In the end Blues could only manage a lifeless 0-0 draw with the team who knocked them out of the FA Trophy.

Kettering keeper Mark Harrison made one miraculous save from an Anton Vircavs header to frustrate Wycombe.

Then the bad news began to flood in about Wanderers' relegation rivals.

Maidstone had avoided the dreaded drop by hammering already relegated Dartford 3-0 while Nuneaton moved ahead of Wanderers on goal difference with a 1-1 draw at Telford, thanks to a late equaliser.

But the worst result for Blues was Dagenham's dra-

ROLF NIVEN looks back on Wycombe's weekend of humiliation

matic 1-0 win at Northwich.

Defender Frank Coles snatched a last minute winner to earn Dagenham three precious points which moved them to within a point of Blues.

Wycombe's goal difference was so appalling that The Daggers only needed to draw at Runcorn on Sunday to save themselves and send Blues down.

A bizarre goal, scored in the opening minute by their keeper, was enough to earn Dagenham a 1-1 draw and sink Wycombe.

Relegation from the Gola League turned Monday's Berks and Bucks Senior Cup final replay into a meaningless affair for Gane's mourning men.

Aylesbury merely put the finishing touches to a depressing weekend when they grabbed a deserved 1-0 victory at Slough Town thanks to a 59th minute winner from Dave Botterill.

"Our changing room was like a morgue on Monday and I don't think that would have changed even if we had won the cup," said Gane.

"We had three chances to stay up last week — against Dagenham, Altrincham and Kettering — and we blew them all."

Gane's burning desire is to steer the club back into the Gola as quickly as possible.

"We can't afford to pussyfoot around — I intend to go all out now to get us back up there," he said.

"I was intending to buy Gola League players to strengthen our squad for next season but now I am going to look in the Vauxhall-Opel.

"We still need strengthening in every department — particularly up front."

Gane admitted that striker Simon Read's future is now in doubt at Loakes Park.

"Simon is waiting to hear about a new job in London," he said.

Losers

"If he gets it he will find travelling to Wycombe difficult and he may be forced to leave."

Gane added that the biggest losers this season were the fans.

"I feel so sorry for the supporters," he said.

"They have been marvellous all season and have followed us faithfully around the country."

Blues will be hoping to heal a few broken hearts on their end of season tour to Greece.

The squad leaves on May 25.