

Keen waits at home

WEST Ham's Kevin Keen was waiting in hope this week for another call-up to the big time.

Keen made his full debut for Hammers on Saturday because former England player Alan Devonshire was injured.

And this week the soccer son of former Wycombe Wanderers manager Mike Keen was holding his breath to see if Devonshire would be fit for Saturday's match against Luton at Upton Park.

If Devonshire recovers he may be recalled leaving Keen waiting in the wings again.

Midfield

The 19-year-old Wycombe lad certainly did himself proud in the 3-2 derby victory over Queens Park Rangers at Loftus Road.

Playing on the right side of midfield he made a significant contribution and handled the pace of the game comfortably.

Keen was surrounded by international players from the four home countries and Eire.

And, not surprisingly, he relished the experience.

"It was really enjoyable and the crowd were great," he said.

"Tony Cottee's two quick goals put me at ease.

"I didn't play well or badly. It was really a battle in the conditions but I was pleased we won."

It was also a proud day for father Mike who was there to watch his son against the club he led to League Cup glory during his distinguished playing career.