

Blues on march to the top

WYCOMBE'S unstoppable Blues could be riding high in the football league within two years. That is the prediction of Wanderers' boss Alan Gane.

At a packed meeting of the club's loyal supporters he announced: "This is an ambitious club and I believe we could do it, especially now with the incentive of automatic promotion."

"We have a strong squad and I want to keep them together."

Gane's prophetic speech came at the launch of LeagueLine, an exclusive lottery the club believes will boost its chances of gaining promotion into the Vauxhall Conference league from the Vauxhall-Opel League.

From there the club aims to catapult into Division Four of the Football League.

With the money from the lottery it is hoped that the team, which has won eight games in a row this season, will be continually improved and strengthened.

Tuesday's 3-0 win against

St Albans has put Blues at the top of its league, seven points ahead of nearest rivals, Yeovil.

"We need to attract ambitious players and the success of this venture will determine whether we can get those people," said Gane.

"We can't guarantee promotion. Money doesn't guarantee success but a lack of it does guarantee failure."

"We don't want to throw money away like other non-league clubs. We don't want average players."

Former England international footballer Steve Coppell was also on hand to talk about the lottery following the success of a similar scheme at Crystal Palace where he is now manager.

Among other things it offers a weekly draw of £1,000 and the monthly prize of a car.



Smiles for the launch: Blues supporters and team members Graham Bressington, Stephanie Crosher, Kim Hardwick, Alison Rea, Douglas Roberts and Alison Crawshaw, join forces in a bid for promotion.

Blues line up for the league

WYCOMBE Wanderers launched League-Line this week, which they hope will help them to realise their ambition of one day playing in the Football League.

The scheme is a private lottery with a maximum 2,500 members and prizes of cars, holidays and big money.

Steve Coppell, Crystal Palace Manager, and TV commentator Alan Parry were at the Town Hall along with 300 others to promote it.

Wycombe's injury problems continued on Tuesday when Keith Barratt limped off during the match with Hornchurch in the AC Delco cup. In a four match the Blues progressed into the next round winning 3-2 after extra time.

On Saturday the Blues expect to be without the services of Noel Ashford (torn calf muscles) Paul Hackett (groin strain) Kevin Durham (damaged ankle ligaments) and possibly Keith Barratt.

Expected to return up front is Byron Walton. Also, Simon Read, but this time he'll be playing for Farnborough Town in Saturday's game, kick off 3pm.