

'We won't lose sleep over Yeovil,' says Blues boss

By JIM McCANN

WYCOMBE Wanderers came away from Yeovil on Saturday more convinced than ever that they have what it takes to win back their place in non-league football's top flight.

Despite losing top spot in the Vauxhall-Opel League Premier Division by going down 2-1 to the big spending Somerset side, Blues boss Alan Gane claimed this week that the match had boosted his players' confidence!

"They came away knowing that they are as good as Yeovil," said the Wycombe manager, who missed the battle of the giants because of business commitments in Holland.

"From what everyone says a draw seemed like a fairer result.

"But in many ways the performance was as important as the result and we played well.

"It was important to match Yeovil and do away with the idea that they are some kind of super team.

That's defiant talk from Gane and his men after a fortnight in which they have lost their unbeaten record to main rivals Farnborough and Yeovil.

Many see the title battle as a two horse race between Wycombe and Yeovil but Gane warned this week that Farnborough cannot be discounted.

"In some ways they are a better team than Yeovil," he said.

"But it's too early to talk of a title race being between two or three teams.

"We still haven't played everyone and there's a lot of football left this season."

Blues entertain Bishop Stortford at Loakes Park tomorrow (Saturday) — another difficult obstacle in Gane's eyes.

"We've had them watched and they are a good side who have made a bright start to the season," admitted the Wycombe manager.

"The same goes for Harrow who visit on Tuesday night."

Blues will still be without Kevin Durham and Paul Heckett tomorrow.

Durham could be missing for at least another three weeks and Hackett is still struggling with a groin injury.

Keith Barrett, who finished the match at Yeovil hobbling, should be fit.

Blues surrendered the Premier Division leadership by losing a goal 12 minutes from time at Yeovil.

Ironically, it came at the end of Wycombe's best spell of the match.

Blues had recovered well from a shocking start in which they fell behind after two minutes.

Phil James put the home side in front only to see Noel Ashford pull Blue level six minutes later.

If anything Gane's men had slightly the upper hand until James struck again to stun them.

Wycombe coach Richard Teale took charge in the absence of Gane and assistant John Reardon, said: "We were not as positive up front as we have been this season — and this has been apparent in our last two matches.

"But we were very unlucky to lose. It is going to be very close run thing for the championship."

Wycombe will meet Worthing at Loakes Park on November 18 in the second round of the AC Delco Cup. Worthing got through after a replay against Saffron Walden on Tuesday night.