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THE MONTH**

MR DEPENDABLE

Whats New? sportswriters talk to Wycombe Wanderers 'goalie' Gary Lester who recently notched up his 400th appearance at Loakes Park.

EVERGREEN goalie Gary Lester reached a new landmark in a successful career when he pulled on a Wycombe Wanderers shirt for the 400th time recently.

The 31-year-old has filled the number one shirt for the last seven years and has become known as 'Mr Dependable' at Loakes Park.

Gary, who has played under five different managers, made his 400th appearance for Blues at Harrow Borough in the Vauxhall-Opel League.

The man who was voted Player of the Year last season has seen it all with Wycombe — relegation, promotion, championships won and lost, glorious FA Cup triumphs and shock defeats.

"I think the highlight of my career, apart from our great FA Cup runs, was when we played live on Italian TV — and in front of 12,000 fans — in the Anglo-Italian Cup against Cosenza back in 1983," recalled Gary fondly.

"That was a terrific experience."

Gary, who made his debut for Blues back in December 1979, has not missed a League or Cup match for two and a half seasons.

There has been the odd nightmare for the popular goalkeeper. "Last season I had eight goals put past me in one match. It was dreadful," he recalled.

There seems no end to his love affair with Loakes Park. "I want to stay at the top as long as possible," added Gary firmly.

And that's good news for every Wycombe supporter!



All smiles — Gary's 'number one' at Loakes Park.