

Blues draw two testing cup ties

BLUES face two important Cup dates inside a week next month following this week's FA Trophy and AC Delco Cup draws.

On December 16 they have an early chance for revenge over big rivals Yeovil when they clash in the third round of the AC Delco Cup at Loakes Park.

And four days later they begin their FA Trophy campaign with a first round home tie against Vauxhall-Opel Division 1 side Leatherhead.

After two defeats by Yeovil already this season, Blues should be gunning for revenge.

But Blues boss Alan Gane was disappointed at the draw.

"I would rather have avoided Yeovil," he said. "We want revenge but I would rather we had met them in the League than the AC Delco Cup.

Blues lost 2-1 at Yeovil in the League and were then crushed 4-1 at Loakes Park in the GMAC Cup recently.

After the bitter disappointment of an early exit from the FA Cup, Gane is looking for a repeat of last season's FA Trophy run when

they reached the quarter-finals.

"We have got to take the Trophy seriously," he said. "Most clubs have a chance of a decent run in it and there is no reason why we can't do well again this season."

But he warned that the December 20 meeting with Leatherhead at Loakes Park will be far from easy.

"They always produce sides that are difficult to beat," he pointed out. "That is going to be a very hard match."

Two Wycombe men have been selected to play for the Vauxhall-Opel League against the Football Association at Metropolitan Police FC on Wednesday night.

Keeper Gary Lester and midfielder Kevin Durham are both included in the 17-man squad along with former Wanderers Kevin Tilley and Simon Read.

The Premier Division leaders have been awarded a £3,946 safety grant by the Football Trust.

The money is part of £500,000 which has been made available to non-league clubs to meet the cost of safety work ordered by local fire or police authorities.



GARY LESTER
... League honour.