

RECORD BREAKERS

In the space of six breathtaking minutes Mark West helped shatter a 15-year-old record at Loakes Park on Saturday.

The lethal marksman's heroic late double inspired Blues to an amazing twelfth consecutive Vauxhall-Opel League victory.

And that incredible dozen straight wins eclipses Wycombe's previous best of 11 in a row set in the 1971/72 season.

But until West's last gasp intervention, that record never seemed on as Blues struggled to come to terms with a difficult Kingstonian side on Saturday.

After two early scares, Alan Gane's championship chasing side were rocked by a goal in the 21st minute. Skipper Keith Barrett slipped badly, allowing Richard Parkin space in the box.

Kevin Day tried to retrieve the situation but only succeeded in giving away a penalty which K's defender Ian Armstrong buried.

Three minutes later the home team were sent reeling when a poor punch by keeper Gary Lester fell straight to Steve Tuft who drilled home through a crowd of players.

It took Wycombe one minute to reply.

Glorious

A corner from the left was flicked on by Noel Ashford and West for Jason Seacole to head home at the far post.

Blues created several glorious chances but when West missed from point blank range with eight minutes to go it seemed all over for the Premier Division leaders.

Then with four minutes of normal time remaining Ashford unleashed a shot which rebounded to West and he blasted it first time into the roof of the net.

Referee Brian Fish had done his best to ruin the

match with some atrocious decisions.

With two minutes to go Ashford uttered the sort of expletive heard every few seconds on the football field and to his amazement was sent off.

Seconds later Kingstonian's Parkin was ordered off for a second bookable offence.

But all was nearly forgotten by the 1,064 crowd when two minutes into injury time a corner from Mark Dawber bounced around the area and fell in the path of West who stabbed in the

winner.

It was a good day for Wycombe fans — nearest rivals Yeovil slipped up at home to Croydon and all the top teams except Bognor failed to register a win.

That leaves Blues sitting pretty at the top of the Premier Division with an eight point cushion.

When Wanderers strung 11 wins together in 1971/72 they went on to capture the Isthmian League championship.

The big question is can they maintain the push for promotion in 1986/87?