

NON-LEAGUE SOCCER

Yeovil sign Warmington

By Brian Stater

YEOVIL have signed Dulwich Hamlet defender, Curtis Warmington, as they attempt to revive their Vauxhall-Opel League Premier Division challenge at Hendon today.

Second-placed Yeovil have dropped five points in the last two games and manager Gerry Gow believes Warmington, 22, can bring a new strength to the side. Formerly with West Ham, he impressed Mr Gow when Dulwich inflicted Yeovil's first home defeat of the season in November.

Yeovil will be without striker Carl Zacchau, who was injured in Thursday's draw at Harrow and transfer-listed Paul Randall—scorer of five goals in a midweek reserve match—replaces him.

Wycombe Wanderers, the Vauxhall-Opel leaders, attempt their 13th successive league victory at Croydon, after breaking a 16-year-old club record with victory at Kingstonian last week. Wycombe's Alan Gane, recently named manager of the month for the second successive time, stressed: "It's nice to break records, but I have not set any immediate targets for the team."

Davies re-think

Alan Davies, the Slough manager, may be forced to reconsider his decision to place leading scorer Jimmy Brown on the transfer list. Brown, who scored 11 goals in one month earlier this season, has shown a new appetite in training and was on target in Slough's midweek victory at Wokingham.

Peter Taylor, manager of Dartford, who are lying second in the Southern League Premier Division, was last night hoping to sign Neil Cugley, a former Maidstone striker, in time for today's home game with bottom club, Salisbury.

AS the stores begin their January sales Slough and Windsor are holding their own New Year clear-outs, starting with the men who began the season as club captains.

Kevin Tilley has been released by the Rebels a few weeks after being relieved of the skipper's job, while the Royals have parted company with Des McMahon.

In addition Slough manager Alan Davies has circulated the other clubs in the Vauxhall-Opel League, informing them that top scorer Jimmy Brown is available for transfer.

Tilley was made Slough captain after signing during the summer from Hayes. A tough tackler who can play at full back or in midfield,

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Tilley was never universally popular with the fans and Davies explained why he had been released after 30 games for the club.

"I still think he is a good player, but his style of play

doesn't suit the way we try and play," said the Rebels boss.

"I am sorry to see him go, but he hasn't given us what I thought he would with his experience."

Slough will be hoping to get a fee for Brown, who has scored 15 times this season without ever playing consistently well.

Brown is currently out of the side, but Davies added: "It does not mean he will not be selected until something materialises."

Davies has opened talks with Farnborough striker Jimmy Bolton, the league's leading marksman, and any money they can get for Brown would obviously help fund a possible deal for Bolton.

Experience

Brown has scored 20 goals for the Rebels since signing from Wokingham in October 1985.

Meanwhile, Windsor manager John Clements has released Des McMahon because he does not feel he is the right player for a relegation struggle.

Clements said: "It sounds funny, but we let him go because we need more of

the battling type of players rather than footballers.

"We need guys who are going to go out there and fight for the points. I am not saying he is not a good player, but he is better in a good side. He is a luxury player."

Slipping

The former Wokingham and Wycombe man played 26 times for the Royals, scoring twice, and his place in midfield will be taken by new signing John McDaid.

While Windsor were winning 4-1 against Wantage in the Berks and Bucks Cup on Saturday, the results at the bottom of the Vauxhall-Opel League saw them slipping into the bottom three for the first time this season.

The Royals will be desperately hoping to end leaders Wycombe's winning run tomorrow (Thursday) at Stag Meadow, a match which kicks off at 3.30 p.m.

Clements said: "I don't think we will let ourselves down. Wycombe are doing well, but they can afford to with their wage bill. We will be having a go."

The Royals boss is still confident that his team can

lift themselves away from the foot of the table.

"We can get out of trouble. It is down to us to get it right. There are three points separating a group of teams."

Slough missed a chance to make ground on some of the teams in the pack chasing Wycombe when they lost 3-1 at home to lowly Bromley on Saturday.

Manager Davies said ruefully: "We could have got away from the pack if we had won, but it is just one of those things."

Slough hope to continue their run of success away from home at Wokingham tomorrow, kick off 3 p.m.

The Rebels are unbeaten in their last seven away league matches and had a tremendous 1-0 victory at Vauxhall Conference Cheltenham in the GMAC Cup last Tuesday.

Jets tough

THE Slough Jets face a tough return to Heineken Ice Hockey League action on Saturday when the Southampton Vikings are the visitors to the Ice Arena. The Vikings are fifth in Division 1.