

WATCH YOUR STEP!

Gane warns his troops

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WORRIED Wycombe boss Alan Gane is to severely lecture his title-chasing troops after Mark West became the third player to be sent off this season.

Gane wants no repercussions of Saturday's incident at Croydon when West was dismissed for retaliation.

"I will be speaking to the players about this," he confirmed. "I was not concerned about our discipline before Saturday but we have now had three men off this season — two of them were unnecessary — and that is unacceptable.

"We cannot afford to lose players through suspension — especially as we run on a single squad system."

Gane's championship chasing side will now be deprived of two of its key players over the coming weeks.

Noel Ashford, sent off against Kingstonian at Loakes Park the previous Saturday, will miss this weekend's home match against Walthamstow and the following Tuesday's Berks and Bucks Senior Cup clash with Windsor and Eton.

West's two-game suspension means he will have to sit out the important trip to Bognor on January 17 and the following game at home to Bromley.

Graham Bressington, ordered off at Hendon in December, has served his suspension but Gane is determined to make certain it does not happen again.

"Noel was unfortunate because he didn't deserve to be sent off. But the other two should know better," said the Blues manager.

Gane was disappointed that his side's record-breaking run of 12 consecutive League wins was ended by Saturday's 1-0 loss at Croydon.



Flare-up!: Mark West shows his mean streak.

"It was a horrible game and it was a shame our run was ended in a game we should have won," he stated. "We had 90 per cent of the play but couldn't finish.

"At least we won't lose any sleep over our performance."

Ashford is struggling with a twisted knee and could miss tonight's League match against Hitchin at Loakes Park.

"Noel did ever so well against Croydon but was in difficulty after half-time," explained the Wycombe manager. "He is doubtful."