

Police out in force — but no trouble

THERE was a massive police presence at Loakes Park on Saturday for the local derby between Wycombe Wanderers and Slough Town . . . and ironically there wasn't the slightest hint of trouble.

Over 120 Thames Valley police were on duty at the ground — the largest ever for

a Wanderers match.

"I believe they were carrying out an exercise," explained Wycombe secretary John Goldsworthy. "Normally Thames Valley police have officers at Reading and Oxford matches but neither club were playing on Saturday so police took the opportunity to bring everyone together at Wycombe.

"At one stage there seemed more men in blue than supporters," he joked, but added: "There is some sense in that because if we have a big game in the future than all these chaps will know the ground.

"At least it was a peaceful day."

There were violent skirmishes between rival Yeovil and Wycombe factions two weeks ago and Wanderers have been plagued by a hooligan element who appear at important matches.

Meanwhile, Wycombe Wanderers will meet Abingdon Town in the Berks and Bucks Senior Cup semi-finals on Tuesday, March 24. Abingdon edged out Wolverton 2-1 in midweek. The other semi-finals is between Slough and Aylesbury.

Blues meet Orient away in the semi-finals of the President's Cup next Tuesday for the chance to play high flying GM Conference outfit, Barnet in a two-legged final.

Jason Seacole, partially hidden by Slough's Jeff Bateman drills home Wycombe's equaliser

