

Dried up . . .
twenty-nine
goal Mark West is
struggling to
recapture his
golden touch.



TOP TEAMS
VAUXHALL-OPEL
PREMIER DIVISION

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Wycombe	33	25	3	5	84	28	78
Yeovil	31	18	8	5	44	22	62
Slough	31	18	5	8	52	32	59
Harrow	32	17	6	9	55	33	57
Bognor	28	15	8	5	64	39	53
Hendon	30	15	5	10	51	46	50
Farnborough	30	14	8	8	56	53	50
Barking	31	13	9	9	52	36	48
Croydon	29	14	6	9	38	34	48
B. Stortford	31	11	10	10	46	46	43
Kingstonian	31	12	5	14	43	42	41
Carshalton	32	11	8	13	41	43	41
Bromley	28	12	5	11	44	48	41

WEST GETS THUMBS UP

By Dave James

ALAN GANE is convinced that top scorer Mark West has a future at Loakes Park even though the striker has only found the net once in a league game since the end of December.

West, whose confidence can't have been helped by the constant barracking he receives from the Loakes Park crowd, has been afflicted by a goal drought since Declan Link came back to the club.

After scoring twice in Wycombe's win against Kingstonian on December 27th, West has managed one penalty in the league plus another two in the Berks and Bucks Cup.

"He isn't happy at being left out, nobody ever is," said Gane after Tuesday's game with Wealdstone.

"Put it this way if I was him I wouldn't be very pleased about it.

"We've spoken about it and he is unhappy but he is determined to fight for his place and as far as I know he has no intention of leaving the club."

With seven goals to his credit since coming

Gane backs his goal-shy striker

back from America it seems unlikely that Declan Link would lose his place and it is just as unthinkable for Noel Ashford to be dropped with him playing as well as ever.

Praise

The competition for the final place up front rests between West and Jason Seacole who has notched up six goals since the turn of the year.

Gane refused to be drawn on his selection plans for tomorrow's game at Tooting: "West could play but everybody's fit."

Meanwhile, Gane was full of praise for Steve Curry who made his debut in place of Gary Lester on Tuesday.

"He pulled off some great saves in the second half but Gary will be fit for Saturday and will play in goal," added Gane.

New signing Steve Norman is injured so the back four is likely to remain unchanged.

Tooting manager Dave Donaldson has watch-

ed his squad become more depleted this season with his experienced players spending more time in the treatment room than on the field.

Key defender Martin Lewis will miss tomorrow's match after gashing his cheekbone and suffering from concussion in last week's defeat at Hitchin.

Centre back Jeff Bryant, who played at Plough Lane in the fourth division, has only just come back to the side after an absence of 10 months.

But Tooting can still boast players who have seen Football League action.

Terry Lee was on Arsenal's books and midfielder Roger Winter played first team football at Millwall before his career at the Den was interrupted by a court appearance when he was allegedly involved in an assault case.

Despite their impressive defensive record this season (only the top four clubs have conceded fewer) Tooting have only managed to score a paltry 28 goals giving them the unenviable distinction of being the most ineffective side in front of goal apart from Walthamstow.

Wycombe will meet Abingdon Town in the semi-finals of the Berks and Bucks Senior Cup at Loakes Park on March 24.

This Tuesday they are at Orient in the semi-final of the President's Cup.