

NOEL MISSES CUP FINAL

WYCOMBE will have to do without the services of influential Noel Ashford for next week's Presidents Cup Final against Barnet as the star striker has been called up again to the England non-league squad.

As his teammates bid for cup glory in the two-legged final, Ashford will be in Scotland training with the national squad as they prepare for the four nation tournament between England, Scotland, Italy and Holland.

His absence will dent Blues' hopes of lifting their third trophy this season.

His value to Wycombe was emphasised in the Berks and Bucks Cup Final last Saturday when he produced a brilliant winning goal to kill off Aylesbury in their 3-2 win.

The first leg of the Presidents Cup Final will be played at Barnet on Bank Holiday Monday (KO 3pm) with the second match on Friday at Loakes Park.

Barnet will be looking to grab some consolation from the season after being pipped for promotion into Div 4 by Scarborough.

Definitely playing are Edwain Stein, brother of Luton's Brian and striker David Sansom the brother of Arsenal and England full back Kenny.

Tomorrow (Saturday) Alan Gane's men will bid to rewrite the club record books when they travel to Dulwich Hamlet

for their last league game of the season.

Already crowned Vauxhall Opel Premier Division champions, Wanderers can shatter the previous club best of league wins and goals scored in a season set 15 years ago.

But they go to Dulwich tomorrow with an injury crisis on their hands.

Gane could be without five of the players who have been instrumental in the club's success this season.

Already ruled out are Graham Bressington and Kirk Corbin. Neil Price has a 50-50 chance of playing after injuring his groin during the Berks and Bucks Cup Final against Aylesbury last Saturday.

Also doubtful are strikers Jason Seacole (ribs) and Declan Link (neck) — both of whom took knocks during the same game.

If West takes a striking role then there will be room for Dave Burgess to take up his place in the back four with Mark

Dawber playing up front.

On Tuesday Blues lost 5-4 to Staines in a testimonial match for Kevin Fiddler.

Wycombe were 0-2 down at one stage but hit back with goals from Andy Graham (2), Noel Ashford and Kevin Durham.

Glorious

Noel Ashford's extra-time winner secured sweet revenge for Wycombe in Saturday's Berks and Bucks Senior Cup Final.

The 3-2 victory over Aylesbury helped make up for the disappointment of losing to the same team in last season's final.

And it was fitting that Wycombe's star of the season should claim the goal that earned Blues their first county cup success for eight years.

Unfortunately his glorious effort only partly made up for a drab final which was ruined by the rock hard and lumpy pitch.

The vital breakthrough for Wycombe came in 94 minutes when Dawber challenged Bucks substitute Keith Walker as he tried to clear and the ball rolled kindly for George Link who thumped it home.

Aylesbury were still reeling from that when Declan Link, never one to be upstaged, rose highest to nod home a corner from Dawber just five minutes later to make it 2-0.

Cliff Hercules pulled it back to 2-1 when he headed in Dave Botterill's cross in 108 minutes.

But then Ashford took centre stage. He collected a superb ball from Dawber, gave himself room and then fooled keeper Baker by choosing the near post and firing home with all the confidence of a master marksman.