

Suddaby sees the sense in Ashford move

By Peter Ernest

THE transfer this week of Noel Ashford, the England semi-professional forward, from Wycombe Wanderers to high-flying Barnet, brought home to Peter Suddaby the realities of football at GM Vauxhall Conference level.

Mr Suddaby, 39, the former Blackpool and Brighton player who took over as Wycombe's manager 12 days ago, said: "I was sorry to see Ashford go, but in the end it was not fair to deny him the chance to move when a substantial fee was involved.

"He sees this as his last chance to try and play League football and feels that Barnet are the sort of side which could win promotion this season."

Mr Suddaby succeeded Alan Gane at Wycombe after they had slumped to a 4-0 home defeat on the opening day of the season. Since then his team have won at Maidstone and Kidderminster and they also beat Bognor 3-0 in the Vauxhall Charity Shield on Monday.

Tomorrow Wycombe travel to **Northwich** who secured their first points last week with a surprise 1-0 win at Enfield and followed up by holding Stafford, then the Conference leaders, 1-1 on Monday.

Weymouth, the only team with a 100 per cent record after their first four matches, see tomorrow's home game against **Altrincham** as a further pointer to the club's progress.