

Sports bag

I WAS one of the unfortunate souls who braved the wind and rain at Loakes Park on Tuesday evening to witness what can only be described as an apology of a football match. It was disgraceful. We have been subjected to quite a few horrendous results of late, but the Bognor game hit an all time low.

In my third season as a member of the 30 Club, I feel cheated, conned amid promises and prophecies of new top class players, and even doing a 'Wimbledon'. I rejoined with a 50 per cent increase on the previous year's subscription. Instead of a high-flying Conference outfit we have ended up with a side no better than the one relegated the season before last.

Surely history will not repeat itself. Relegation would be the death knell of Wycombe Wanderers.

Who is to blame?

Peter Suddaby cannot be blamed. He has inherited a side, who quite frankly do not want to play for him. They have all had plenty of time to prove themselves, but with one or two exceptions, failed to do so.

There is no magic wand as Alan Parry points out in Tuesday's programme, but in the desperate position we find ourselves in, players MUST be bought NOW. We are repeatedly told 'Conference' players are not available, but there has to be GOOD buys around in the lower divisions, players who would give 100 per cent, which is something most of the present side are not doing.

In my opinion, the Board of Directors, under Brian Lee must shoulder most of the blame for our current crisis. In spite of what has been said officially and unofficially, they had plenty of time before the start of the present campaign to secure the services of several top players.

It is easy to blame Alan Gane - he cannot defend himself. I for one am still not satisfied with the explanation of his sudden departure right at the start of this most crucial season.

P. Sheridan, 30 Club member.

AFTER watching Wycombe's recent pathetic attempts I am convinced that manager Peter Suddaby has realised how to have a long stay in charge of the Wanderers. He knows that chairman Brian Lee has an obscene desire to prevent any manager emulating his own successful record as Wycombe manager.

If Suddaby's team maintains the suicide plunge it is currently on and stays the 'whipping boys' of the League, it will no doubt finish humiliated and relegated as before, bringing a smile of contentment to Mr Lee's face.

Recent managers had to go as they threatened Mr Lee's achievements of the late 60s and early 70s. Mike Keen had a brief spell in charge, taking Wycombe to their best run in the Trophy, he had to go.

Alan Gane took the Wanderers from the Vauxhall-Opel as champions last season and promised an even stronger team for this season's Conference challenge. He of course resigned mysteriously just before the season started.

Surely the chairman should give his full FINANCIAL support to the manager in charge or step down.

Robin Prickett, Woodside Rd, Micklefield.

BE PATIENT....things will get better! Who is Alan Parry trying to kid. (I refer to his comments made in the Bognor Regis GMAC Cup programme last week).

Things have gone from bad to worse and I don't think I have ever felt as disillusioned as I did after watching Tuesday's game. The players looked bored from start to finish, not one player showed any enthusiasm or commitment to the game.

We supporters who turn out regularly, whatever the weather, are getting pretty fed up with this attitude. We all know how bad things are at the minute and we all hope the managerial team can rectify the situation by strengthening the squad.

But no matter how many players we sign, unless the enthusiasm and enjoyment returns to their game and smiles return to the miserable faces, things will continue to slide downhill.

D. Stallwood, Wooburn Green.

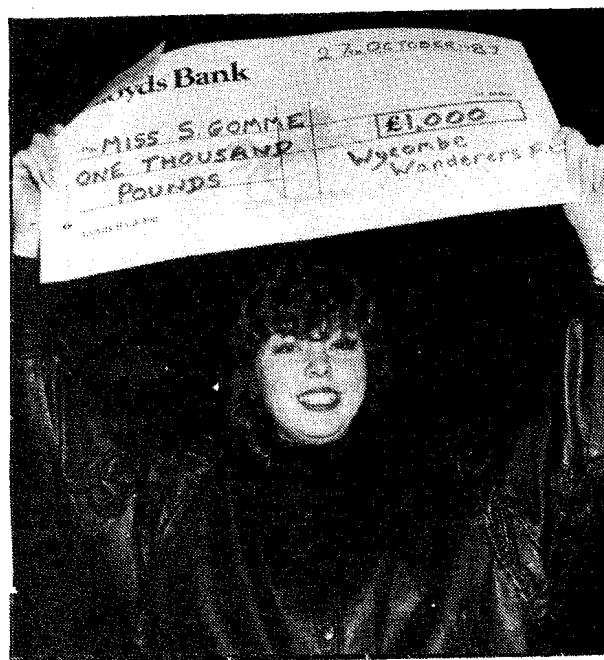
Some letters have been held over from last week due to pressure of space.

New deal

Wycombe Wanderers have signed a new, two-year sponsorship deal with local company, The Trend Group Limited, the data communications specialists. It continues the company's involvement with Wanderers, which dates back to 1985, and is believed to be one of the best sponsorships in the G. M. Vauxhall Conference.

Wycombe chairman, Brian Lee, said this week "It's wonderful news that Trend have decided to stay with us. Like everyone else in the town, Trend are excited at the prospect of the club doing well in the senior ranks of non-league football. Having so many local people working for them, Trend are fully aware that Wycombe is a real football town and they are keen to share in the club's success."

Trend is an international company based at Loudwater. Their new-look logo will appear on the players' shirts, in the match programme, and on advertising boards around the ground.



Sharon's flush

SHARON Gomme was the delightful recipient of a £1,000 cheque last week as the latest winner of Wycombe Wanderers' lottery competition.

Lottery results: £1,000 Miss S. Gomme, Southfield Road, Princes Risborough. £100 Mrs Austin, Alford Road, Booker. £50 Mrs Matthews, Croftwood, High Wycombe. £25 W. Harris, Widdenton View, Lane End; Mrs Vaughan, Fox Road, Holmer Green. £10 E. Davies, Coniston Green, Aylesbury; S. Dennigan, Stockfield Close, Hazlemere; E. Armsby, Spearing Road, High Wycombe; Mrs Prescott, Jubilee Road, Stokenchurch; Mrs Bissett, Cannon Court Road, Maidenhead; E. Doe, Isis Way, Bourne End; Mrs James, Chiltern Avenue, High Wycombe; Mrs Wootton, Cherwell Road, Aylesbury.

Agents free draw: £75 D. Pike, The Fairway, Flackwell Heath. £25 M. Burnham, Brent Road, Bourne End. £10 Mrs Dendry, Ebbles Close, Aylesbury; D. Thomas-Jones, Cater Road, Lane End. £5 Pink and Lily, Lacey Green; J. Holmes, Perth Road, High Wycombe; E. O'Leary, Ellington Park, Maidenhead; R. Percy, Waller Road, Beaconsfield; The Masters, Brindley Avenue, Downley; Mrs Eldridge, Milton Road, Chesham.