

Wycombe Wanderers kick off for the new season



The team aiming to lead the blues to glory in the forthcoming season



HERE WE GO WITH THE BLUES



Golden boy Mark West

THE first sunshine of the year has only just arrived but already the football season is nearly upon us.

Wycombe Wanderers boss Jim Kelman may not have been splashing out the cash as readily as Spurs manager Terry Venables, but it's been a busy summer of comings and goings at Loakes Park.

Among the new faces are goalkeeper Steve Crompton from Fourth Division Stockport County and ex-pro defender John Ray from Colchester United. Highly-rated 22-year-old utility player Andy Robinson has not been able to agree terms with Carlisle United and there are strong hopes he will be snapped up by Blues.

The midfield has been bolstered by the arrival of Dave Carroll from Ruislip Manor, Martin Blackler from Trowbridge, Steve Abbley from Cheltenham and Jeff Lissaman from Boston United, while prolific Chalfont St Peter striker John Regan will strengthen Wanderers' forward line.

Latest signing Paul Mulvaney from Portsmouth should play in Saturday's friendly at Chertsey while former Oxford United apprentice Brian Vasey joins Crompton, Gary Lester and John Granville as one of four goalkeepers in the reckoning for a place.

But some familiar faces will be missing, including veteran Andy Graham who has left for Staines, firebrand Adrian Mann who has signed for Bucks rivals Aylesbury and popular defender Kirk Corbin who has moved to Wealdstone. Nigel Taylor and Martin Roderick will also be departing soon to concentrate on their studies.

There are injury scares for two keepers Lester and Granville, while Matt Crossley was due for exploratory surgery on his knee on Thursday and Blackler may also be suspended for three matches after being sent off in Blues' friendly against Harrow Borough.

Wycombe Wanderers squad members pictured above

Back row (left to right): Alan Hutchinson (youth team manager), David Jones, John Ray, Nigel Taylor, Dave Carroll, Brian Vasey, Steve Crompton, Mark West, Brian Greenaway, Lawrence Osborne, Paul Mulvaney, Jeff Lissaman, Graeme Dell (coach), Jim Kelman (manager).

Front row: Kevin Day, John Regan, Scott Young, Keith Barrett, Sean Norman, Kevin Durham, Mark Boyland, Martin Blackler, Steve Abbley, Andy Robinson.



Blues manager Jim Kelman

Rugby club win top deal

HIGH Wycombe Mini Rugby Club has signed a major sponsorship deal with Equity and Law.

The arrangement has meant the club has been able to buy new tracksuits for the youngsters. With the new season starting on Sunday, September 4, more

than 30 players have been preparing with weekly training sessions at their Kingsmead ground in High Wycombe.

Any newcomers aged between six and 12 are welcome to come along on Thursday evenings.

Clear win for team

THE CHILTERN Regional Petanque team scored a resounding 38-25 win against a touring side from the Isle of Wight at Marlow over the weekend.

The winning three triples for Chiltern after a gruelling battle in warm weather were Brian Roblett, John Forbes and John Roberts (Marlow PC), Rob Coles,

Ricky Potyka and Terry Hebbs (Old Five Bells, Burnham) and John Potts, Sylvia Potts and Steve Kelly (Royal Standard, Wooburn Common).

This Sunday more than 40 teams from the Thames Valley will be at the White Hart in Cookham for its fourth annual charity tournament.



Rod Hills and Philip Hart with some of the players in their new tracksuits