

Saints' Alan takes his first hot seat

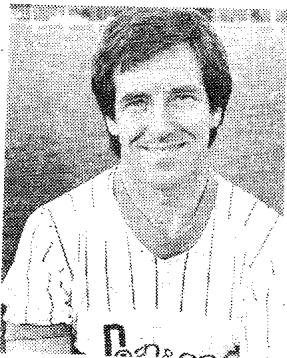
INJURY crisis or not, Chalfont St Peter Football Club were delighted with the news that forward Alan Mayes, the former Chelsea and Swindon player, had been appointed manager of Harrow Borough, from the Vauxhall-Opel premier division.

It is his first manager's job but Chalfont chairman David Pembroke is understood to have given Harrow a glowing reference.

Mayes signed for Chalfont from Wycombe Wanderers in March and was a vital member of their championship winning team. He works in the promotions office at Wycombe and is a familiar figure in South Bucks, where he promotes the club's Superloot lottery scheme. "Alan takes with him the best wishes of everyone here," said secretary Mal Keenan.

In his first game in charge at Earlsmead, Mayes saw his lowly-placed team earn a valuable point against Dagenham.

Already in his squad at Harrow is a former Saint,



● Alan Mayes: new boss

Steve Mowle, and one of the first moves the new boss made on taking up his job was to inquire about unsettled John Regan.

Chalfont retain Regan's contract following his release by Wycombe but are resigned to selling him on to another club. No transfer had gone through at the time of going to press.

Chalfont's injury crisis deepened last week when Steve Bell, who had resigned for the club the previous week after a spell with Harefield, suffered a multi-



● Steve Bell: broken leg

ple break of his leg in a friendly match against Kings Langley.

The match was abandoned as the ambulance had to come on the field to attend to Bell, who will be in hospital for a further two weeks and may have to revise plans for his wedding, which is due a week later.

He will certainly be out for the rest of the season and joins other long-term casualties in Kevin Cadmore, Martin Stone and Les Currell.

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Mayes is manager

WYCOMBE Wanderers found themselves in the unique position of employing two managers when assistant commercial Manager Alan Mayes was this week named as the new Harrow Borough boss.

The ex-Chelsea star beat off a clutch of hopefuls to land the Earlsmead job and succeed Keith Chamberlain.

The 34-year-old who played for Blues and more recently Chalfont St Peter, will continue to help the successful Loakes park commercial office but was understandably delighted at his first managerial appointment.

"It is a great challenge," he said. "I can only do my best. I saw Harrow play at Windsor and Eton and although they were the better side they lost 3-1. They were disorganised and sloppy and there is obviously a lot of work to be done."

Mayes has named former Stamford Bridge colleague Phil Driver as player-coach and could pull on a Borough shirt himself if required.

"I will be signing forms but hopefully I'll only play in an emergency."