

WEST WINNER!

MARK West clinched the winner in Wanderers' long-awaited FA Cup clash with Staines ... but only after he missed a penalty.

The 1-0 victory stretches Blues unbeaten run into double figures and was particularly satisfying since the team faced a Staines set-up with eight former Wanderers men on the pitch and in the dug-out.

Match report by PAUL HUDSON

Indeed, it was former Blues favourites Andy Graham and George Link who did much to frustrate Wycombe after a lively start from both sides.

Another old boy, Mark Dawber, worked hard and ex-manager Alan Gane's game plan received a boost when West stroked a penalty well wide of the left-hand post after being brought down by another ex-

Blues player Dave Holl.

The hectic pace of the game did little to enhance skilful tactics and as play rushed back and forth Glyn Creaser displayed his assurance at the back for Wycombe.

Blues' fitness seemed to tell in the second half and when the Staines midfield flagged they exploited the extra room.

West made up for his earlier miss

when he initiated the winner on 61 minutes. He combined with Brian Greenaway on a short corner and when the ball fell to Martin Blackler, West was on the end of his chip to fire past the goalie.

"Alan Gane spoke to me before and after the game," boss Jim Kelman revealed. "He said the most they could have hoped for was a 0-0 draw and a replay at Loakes Park for some cash.

"We were pleased with the win on a difficult pitch. John Kerr played very well and made three chances inside five minutes so we could have had more.

"Now we face Kettering in the next round. That will be a cracker. We've got them at home and we want a big partisan crowd to roar us on. They will bring a thousand with them."

On Wednesday Blues sent a side with players recovering from injury to Cambridge for a Capital League game and clinched a win.

Kelman reported: "Hero of the hour was Gary Lester. He saved two penalties."

Blues face Telford at home tomorrow.