

Sutton scrooges are oh so boring

BLUES' boss Jim Kelman spoke out this weekend against the negative, stifling tactics which boring Sutton used to such good effect at Loakes Park on Saturday.

A combination of a nagging offside trap and some exaggerated dead ball tactics produced the kind of spectacle which the positive Scot would

clearly like to see a lot less of for the rest of the season.

He said: "I know a lot of people who would rather sit at home and watch paint dry than go and see Sutton play.

"They are the Scrooges of non-league football. They slice the game up into little segments which get fed to you bit by bit.

"It's very difficult to get going against a side which is prepared to send its left

"We got caught in their offside trap far too often in

the first half and I gave the lads a talking to about it during the break.

"We finally found a way through but, by that time, defensive errors had left us two down.

"It was a terrible mix up which gave them their first goal. The rule in those kind of situations is that you should get it away. Keith Barrett didn't do that and it cost us a goal.

"Keith slipped up again for the second goal, but I wouldn't blame Andy Kerr

for turning it into his own net.

"The ball was coming across so fast and he had a man waiting behind him if he let it run. He had to play it and it broke the wrong way for us.

"They rarely bothered us as a team and John Granville was hardly troubled at all.

"The stand-in ref didn't help us by turning down our penalty appeal early in the second half and both he and the linesman missed what we thought was a clear handball later on.

"But I wouldn't criticise him for that. I thought he did a very good job in difficult circumstances.

"What cost us a win was our own poor finishing and he certainly wasn't to blame for that.

Creating

"Mark West, John Kerr and Kevin Durham should all have been on the scoresheet long before we got our first goal. But I am glad to see we are still creating the chances."

The only action of this week for Wycombe is a trip to Southend for a Capital League game on Tuesday night.

That encounter will give Kelman's squad players the chance of a run out, among them the transfer listed John Ray and Brian Greenaway.

Ray has already attracted the interest of several clubs, while it seems odds on that Greenaway will soon be heading for down the M40 to Vauxhall-Opel league Premier Division outfit Slough Town.