

Sights set on Wembley

WEMBLEY here we come — Wycombe Wanderers have the twin towers of Wemblev firmly within their sights now as in the pouring rain last Saturday they disposed of Beazer Homes side Merthyr Tydfil to reach the quarter finals of the F.A. Trophy.

The reward is a trip to Manchester on March 11 where they will play Hyde United of the Northern Premier League. The Wanderers will have to overcome both Hyde and United's plastic pitch if they are to progress into the semi-finals. Manager Jim Kelman is not too worried about the pitch as Blues regularly train on astroturf at Bisham Abbey and feels that the surface will suit Wanderers' style of play better than a heavy pitch.

Wycombe have made two new signings this week in the shape of Mark Butler a 24-year-old striker from Egham and Andy Russell a 23-year-old central defender from Bracknell Town.

Also on the playing side is the news that defender Andy Kerr will be sidelined for several weeks following his injury during Saturday's game. Keith Barratt will be included in the squad that face Yeovil

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Town tomorrow at Loakes Park, kick off 3pm, although he is lacking match practice after missing several games through injury.

Another bumper crowd of 3,434 watched the game with Merthyr Tydfil for which the Blues introduced crowd segregation possibly imposed as a safety measure as the crowd numbers are rivalling those in the 3rd and 4th divisions.

On the league front there is confusion over the future of Newport County, the Welsh side have been struggling to survive all season and this week looked almost certain to have lost the battle. This raises an interesting question of what will happen to those sides who have won against them and their points?

It is an issue which is still to be decided but from Wycombe's point of view if the points are taken away they will lose the 6 points they gained from beating the Welsh side twice. Also on the league front there is a new leader, Kettering Town over top spot when they defeated Chorley 3-0 on Tuesday night.