

NON-LEAGUE SOCCER

Kettering march on Wycombe

By Geoff Young

TOMORROW should sort genuine contenders from the pretenders for the GM Vauxhall Conference title when six of the top seven sides oppose each other.

Kettering, four points clear of Maidstone after a scrappy 1-0 win over Yeovil in a blizzard on Tuesday night, will take up to 2,000 supporters to fifth-placed Wycombe's Loakes Park — official capacity 5,000 — and the season's record Conference crowd of 4,450 is likely to be broken.

Jim Kelman, the Wycombe manager, said: "The pressure's all going to be on them as the leaders. We'll just try to play football and make that pressure work against them."

Second-placed Maidstone travel to fourth-placed Kidderminster, having already lost to them twice this season.

Graham Allner, the Kidderminster manager, said: "Maidstone won't relish a game like this at this stage of the season. The likes of us Wycombe and Runcorn have to win to keep the competition from becoming a two-horse race."

● VS Rugby, beaten only twice in the Beazer Homes League since October, will return to the top of the Premier Division if they defeat third-placed Merthyr Tydfil at home tomorrow, writes **Brian Stater**.

Dartford, who took over the leadership with a midweek win at Gosport, are playing in the first leg of the FA Trophy semi-final against Macclesfield tomorrow.
