

Blues battle to the end

WYCOMBE Wanderers have been involved in two exciting games over the past week. The first in front of the largest GMV conference crowd this season, when a staggering 4,890 people turned out in the sunshine to see Wycombe take on conference leaders Kettering Town at Loakes Park.

The game was played in a cup final atmosphere with both sides playing good attacking football. You always had the feeling that this game would be decided by a single goal, which it was.

The ball was unhappily deflected off defender Glyn Creaser's head into his own goal to give the Poppies victory.

Although mathematically the Blues can still win the league, this result combined with the loss of six points with the demise of Newport County have virtually written off Wycombe hopes.

However on Tuesday in the game

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with Enfield the Blues showed no signs of giving up as they took part in a seven goal thriller.

Mark West scored three of the four goals with Dave Carroll netting the other one. The games with Enfield are always close, exciting affairs and this was no exception despite, being played on a semi-waterlogged pitch and in a blustering swirling wind.

The Blues got off to a tremendous start by scoring within 90 seconds. The first of Mark West goals. Enfield however equalised on 13 minutes before Blues regained the lead through Dave Carroll just before half time. Enfield again equalised with a superbly taken goal at a narrow angle by Paul Furlong. With 10 minutes remaining John Kerr was brought down in the penalty area and Mark West made no mistake from the spot.

West then completed his hatrick in style as he started a move from the halfway line with a superb cross to John Kerr on the right wing, and he was then on hand to fire home from within the penalty area as the ball was played back in.

The excitement wasn't over though as Enfield pulled back another goal with minutes remaining. Blues fans had a nailbiting time as they awaited the final whistle.

The only sour note of the game was the sight of Nicky Evans being carried off after a crunching block tackle. The 30-year-old, who only joined the club a few weeks ago, could now miss the rest of the season as he has damaged the tendon in his knee.

Tomorrow the Blues take on Altrincham at Loakes Park, kick off 3pm, and the message from Loakes Park is clear.

Although the chances of winning the league are slim, the Blues are not giving up without a battle.