

FA Cup victory for the Blues

Wycombe Wanderers booked their place in the FA Cup fourth qualifying round after an impressive display against Gravesend and Northfleet on Monday evening.

This was the third time the two sides had met after having drawn 1-1 in both the previous matches.

The referee had changed for this game and the new man in black, R L Tye, stamped his authority on the game by not allowing Gravesend to continue using the overly-aggressive approach they had adopted in the previous encounters. Indeed in the first 20

minutes he had already booked two of the Kent team.

This enabled Wycombe to play their normal game and consequently they strung some superb moves together which meant that at half-time you were left wondering* how on earth they were not leading by more than the one goal which John Kerr had scored in the 44th minute.

Dave Carroll added to this at 75 minutes making amends for the miss he had made just a few minutes earlier. Nicky Evans completed the scoring from the penalty spot after Kevin Durham had been fouled.

The Blues now face Stafford Rangers away

in the next round which is to be played tomorrow (Saturday). Kick off 3pm.

Goalkeeper Gary Lester, who recently celebrated his testimonial against Tottenham, made a return to the first team for Monday's game with Gravesend because regular keeper John Granville was out injured after suffering concussion during Saturday's 1-1 draw with Telford.

Unless the Blues draw tomorrow, they will resume league action against Barnet at the North London club's Underhill Ground next Tuesday. Kick off 7.30pm.