



ACTION: Mark West goes for goal in the Wycombe-Boston match

THE Blues notched up a vital win on Saturday, beating strugglers Boston 1-0 in front of a home crowd to pick up three points in the Vauxhall Conference.

It may surprise Blues fans to know that after the same number of games last year, Wycombe Wanderers had the same points total.

Boss Jim Kelman said: "We had three more points, but they came from a game against Newport County, which were deducted. Really we had the same number, so the team is not doing as badly as some people think."

With the two games in hand, Wycombe could boost themselves up as high as 11th place in the table.

The game on Saturday was by no means a spectacular win, but Wycombe dominated

the proceedings, with 17 shots on target to Boston's three.

But Boston held out, falling at the last hurdle to a Steve Guppy goal in the 80th minute.

Wycombe started well, determination shining through as Nicky Evans threw himself into the game, popping up in the penalty area when least expected.

The game was never going to be a classic, with both clubs languishing at the bottom of the table, one as desperate for three points as the other.

Guppy proves to be a great catch

By **CLAIRE PERRY**

Boston spent most of the game defending and their first close chance came well into the first half.

Like a stuck record, Wycombe had all the chances, but couldn't put the ball in the back of the net — without this one fault in their attack, perhaps they would be riding high.

Glyn Creaser showed his dominance and Steve Guppy was riding high. The 18-year-old has now signed a two-year contract with Wycombe Wanderers, and shows great promise for the future.

The pressure finally paid off in the 80th minute, with Guppy in the centre of the action.

Dave Carroll put through a ball to Kevin Durham, whose shot was covered, but not saved by John McKenna. Guppy was at the far post to knock in the ball for his first Blues' Conference goal.

Boston did not give up, and there were some tense moments for the Wycombe fans with the memory of Yeovil's last-minute matchwinner fresh in their minds.

Kelman said: "We kept going and going, and the lads did well against a goalie who is supposed to be the best in the Conference. Nicky Evans was out for a long time and is getting back into goal scoring form."

Tomorrow sees the Blues at home to Barrow in the Vauxhall Conference.