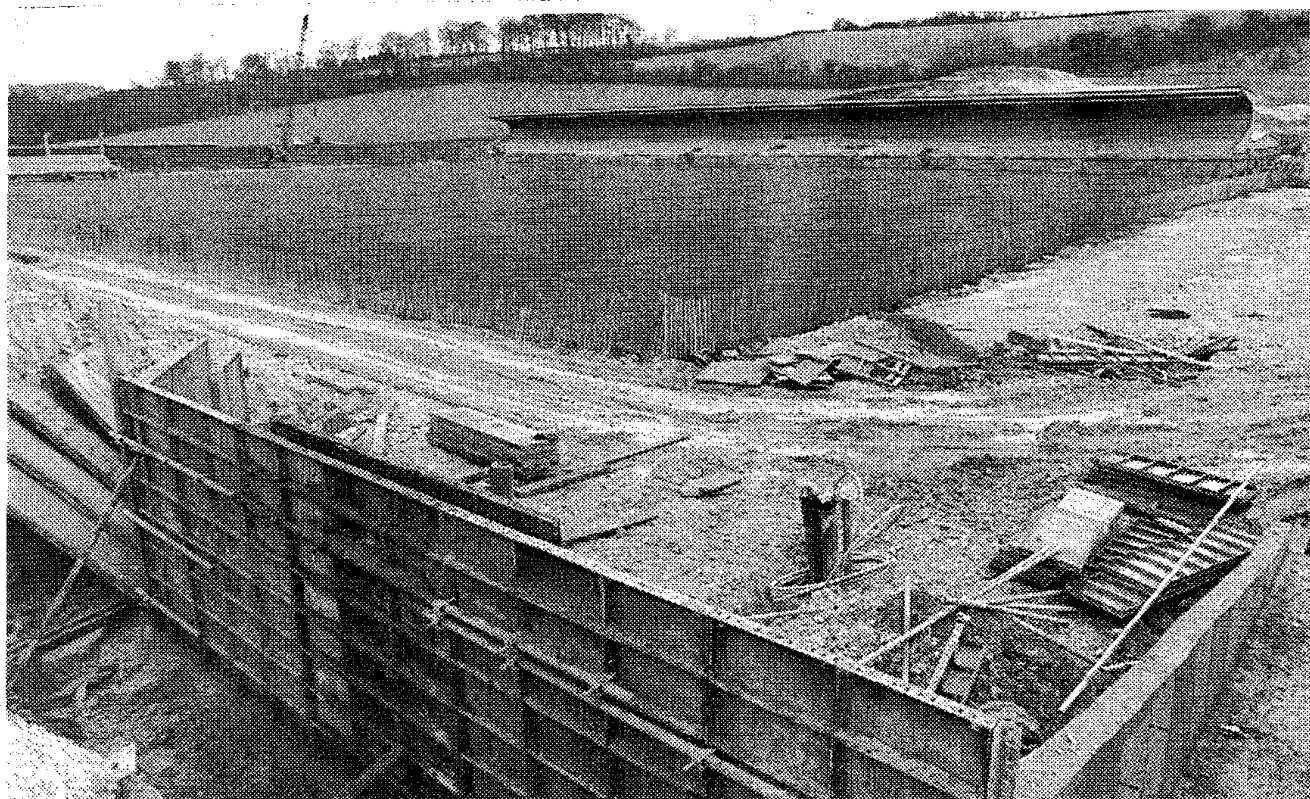




Wycombe Wanderers' new ground at Sands nears completion

Ground is set for kick-off

ONE of the country's most modern and safe football grounds should be finished in time to attract big-name opponents for a glamorous pre-season opening.

As work on Wycombe Wanderers' new ground in Hillbottom Road, Sands, nears completion, chairman Ivor Beeks admitted that only the departure of manager Jim Kellman had cast a shadow over his excitement.

"Only this business has spoiled things. Every time I look down at the new ground I have to pinch myself to see if it is real. This ground has got to be the safest and most modern in the country. It must be the envy of a lot of clubs," he said.

The ground, which will have all its terracing and seating under cover, is due to be finished by the end of July.

"We are about two weeks behind schedule with the cladding around the edge of the ground because of the excessive rain we had recently. But most of the terracing is up.

"I would hope we are ready to play there by the end of July when our pre-season games are due to start," said Mr Beeks.

Lovely valley needs to be preserved

MRS ISAACS is right in her belief that permission should not be given for a synthetic pitch adjacent to the new stadium at Hillbottom Road.

The club obviously knew when they applied for the original permission that a training pitch would be necessary.

Where did they intend to train? Obviously not on their new stadium pitch so they appeared to be intending to put in another application from the outset.

It looks as if they are pursuing the salami tactics of applying little by little.

If this application is allowed, what else will be applied for in the future to further despoil a still lovely valley?

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