

Wycombe all set to enjoy comforts of the new, modern Adams Park stadium

Deputy Sports Editor Pete Lansley reports on Wycombe's new stadium

WYCOMBE Wanderers will not be able to blame Loakes Park's famous sloping pitch for any future lack of success.

Their new ground, called Adams Park, in Sands, will be flat, and, measuring 115 yards by 75, as big as Wembley, thus giving teams the chance to play with width.

The new site, at the end of an industrial estate in Sands, has taken 18 months to build, but years to bring about.

Wycombe General Hospital was to require the Loakes Park site ten years ago, and 16 different venues have previously been rejected for various reasons.

Now, with the sale of Loakes Park financing the new ground, Wycombe will have a ground for the 20th century, that will hopefully keep Lord Justice Taylor happy.

The capacity will be around 6,000, with 1,200 seats down one side of the all covered stadium.

Conversion to an all seater stadium will be attainable if and when Wycombe's progress necessitates such a change.

The actual seats themselves remain one of the finishing touches to be completed by August.

Concerning facilities, artificial training pitches have so far been rejected by the council, but the players will have a fitness room indoors.

There are also banqueting and conference facilities available, which will help the club financially.

Director Brian Lee has masterminded the move.

As he looked back on 95 years at Loakes Park, Brian said: "The people who planned that had the vision then that I hope we will have now to take Wycombe into the next century and hopefully the Football League."

Wycombe chairman, Ivor Beeks, wrote in the club's special programme for Monday's farewell match: "Football and administration have changed a great deal since our first game here, but thankfully the national game still attracts wide support for providing skills and entertainment."