

O'Neill looks forward to playing mighty Forest as new season looms



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WYCOMBE WANDERERS

MARTIN O'Neill has been appointed as full-time manager of the club, and met up with his players, plus one or two interesting new faces, for pre-season training at Newlands Park, Chalfont St. Giles last night.

O'Neill, who suffered 15,000 miles in 15 weeks while he continued working part-time with an insurance company, has this week set about continuing previous manager Jim McManis' good work in the primary schools, and coaching schedules are planned, with the help of players and other club officials, in 14 schools this autumn.

Meanwhile, Adams Park, enticingly near completion this week, witnesses its first trophy presentation as the youth team depart for a tour of Austria tomorrow morning.

The team will receive the Sportsman Award for their impressive behaviour throughout last season in the Youth Berks League.

Jim Melvin leads his youngsters abroad for a trip which will include a match against the Innsbruck youth team.

Wycombe's first pre-season friendly is away to Boreham Wood on Tuesday, July 31st, before the glamour clubs clamber into Adams Park for the August games.

O'Neill said of the fixtures: "I want the players to enjoy themselves against Forest, play well against Southampton and do well in the match with Reading."

"But the games at Runcorn and Acclesfield are still more important."

Combined tickets covering the Forest and Southampton games are available from this Monday, July 23rd, priced £5 (seats £7).

They are available from the following places: Adams Park (Monday to Friday, 10am-4pm, cheques or cash only); Wycombe Wines in Crendon Street (Monday to Saturday 10am-10pm, Sunday 12-2pm, 7-10pm); Crocks and Crystal in Bourne End (Monday to Friday 9am-5.30pm, Saturday 9am-5pm); B-Line Travel (Monday to Friday 8.45am-5.15pm, Saturday 8.45am-4pm).

B-Line are offering free return travel to the ground for both matches with tickets bought there.