

# Wanderers look to extend best ever start

**ALTRINCHAM** visit Adams Park tomorrow on the wave of an impressive defensive record.

The northerners, who finished 15th in the Conference last season, will need to reproduce Monday's form when they achieved a laudible goalless draw at Barnet if they are to hold an as yet unbeaten Wycombe side.

Martin O'Neill's men have produced their best ever start to a Conference season with Monday's impressive 4-1 home victory against Welling.

And the two away draws are all the more respectable when last year's final league placings are considered — Run-

corn finished third and Macclesfield fourth.

Altrincham hope to include injury troubled defender Martin Lewis and new signing Walter Nisbett in their squad.

A bumper Bank Holiday crowd for the Welling crowd means the average attendance at Adams Park, including the friendlies, is over 3,000 — more than a thousand more than last year's average.

**MARLOW**, whose safety first formation of 5-3-2 has limited goal chances this season, are still struggling to piece together a full first team squad.

## Preview by PETE LANSLEY

With Martin Stone likely to be out of action until Christmas with ruptured knee ligaments, the team were also without Billy Hubbick (cricketing duties), Paul West (ligament and ankle troubles), John Regan (leg injuries) and Tony Doherty (recovering from an operation) on Tuesday, while David Lay played with a broken nose.

With two points and one goal from their opening four games, Marlow have an excellent chance to improve their lowly league placing with their next two games.

Tomorrow Basingstoke visit Marlow, having lost their first two games of the season.

And on Tuesday, Marlow play away at Staines, who had not scored in their opening four games while conceding heavily. If Marlow are to pull away from the bottom, this is an excellent opportunity to do so.

**FRESH** from their week's ten goal league haul, Chesham United hit the FA Cup trail with the visit of Baldock Town tomorrow.

Baldock, from Hertfordshire finished tenth last season in the Beazer Homes Southern Division, the equivalent of the

Vauxhall League Division One.

Chesham will again be without all-action full-back Sean Norman, who is suffering from chicken pox. Michael Barnes, who suffered two cracked ribs in the match with Whyteleafe and was substituted on Tuesday to look after them, should again be fit enough to start.

**CHALFONT** visit Welling and Garden City in the same competition as they look for the season's first victory.

Next Tuesday, local pride is up for grabs as high flying Chesham visit Chalfont at the Playing Fields in what should be an intriguing encounter.