

O'Neill blasts: 'That's two points lost'

SEE-SAW DRAW

WYCOMBE drew 3-3 with Slough at Wexham Park Stadium on Tuesday night in a game which saw the lead change three times.

But afterwards Blues boss Martin O'Neill blasted his players for giving away three goals.

"We gave them three goals — that was two points lost, not one point won," he said.

The game was played at a fast and furious pace. The first Wycombe goal came after almost 20 minutes. Dave Carroll crossed in a curling ball and Mark West got up to head it into the net.

Slough then launched an all-out attack on the Wycombe goal and were rewarded. Steve Thompson's corner was almost leapt over by Simon Stapleton, leaving Vernon Pratt clear to hammer the ball in from 20 yards out.

Slough scored first after the break. Glyn Creaser lost the ball on the corner and Steve Thompson curled the ball into the top of the net, just out of John Granville's reach.

Wycombe hit straight back, Dave Carroll scoring a great goal from a Nicky Evans cross.

Ten minutes later it was 3-2. Dave Carroll took the ball down the wing and crossed to Nicky Evans. The cross was inch-perfect, beating both of Evans's shadowing defenders, and the striker put the ball between

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Trevor Bunting's legs.

Tommy Langley pulled the final goal back for Slough after a defensive error.

● Mike Cook came on for Wycombe in the last 20 minutes. He is on a month's non-contract from Cambridge United.

● Wycombe have been drawn away to top-dogs Kettering in the next sudden-death round of the Bob Lord trophy.

There is better news for them in the fourth qualifying round of the FA Cup, when they are at home to Basingstoke, currently languishing in the lower half of the Vauxhall League Premier Division.

This game will be played on October 27, at Adams Park. The Kettering game will be played during December.

On the immediate front, Wycombe pack their overnight bags and make their longest trip of the season on Saturday when they visit strugglers Gateshead.

GOAL RUSH PUTS BLUES THROUGH

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WYCOMBE Wanderers powered into the fourth qualifying round of the FA Cup on Saturday with four goals in five minutes to crush Wokingham 4-1.

Although one goal came seconds before half-time, whatever Martin O'Neill had to say in the interval fired the team up, as they came out for the second half as if their lives depended on it.

It was a game Wycombe should have dominated from the start, with Wokingham struggling second from bottom in the Vauxhall League Premier Division, and yet to win an away game this season.

But the visitors had arrived fired up for the clash, and although Wycombe had a few chances throughout the first period, it was Wokingham who looked more likely to score first.

They forced several good saves from John Granville.

Midway through the first half, Simon Hutchinson limped off with a hamstring injury, and Dave Carroll took to the field, to the delight of the home fans.

It was one of his dangerous corners that led to the first goal. He whipped it across the face of the goal. Andy Kerr's header hit the bar and was volleyed out by Smith, but the ball was adjudged to have crossed the line and Wycombe were one-up.

Forty-four seconds into the second half, it was two. Dave Carroll put in another fast corner, it was headed back by Andy Kerr, and Mark West put the ball away.

The game had barely restarted when it was three -- Dave Carroll's cross found West who put it through keeper Steve Aldham's legs.

There was a minute's relief for Wokingham, but then Kerr got his second, this time from a Martin Blackler corner.

To be fair to Wokingham, they hadn't deserved this onslaught, the Blues had had very few shots on target in the first half.

The onslaught continued, but Wycombe got sloppy in defence, and paid the price just after the hour.

It was a lovely goal, volleyed from the far right hand side of the penalty area by Darren Wilkinson, giving John Granville no chance.