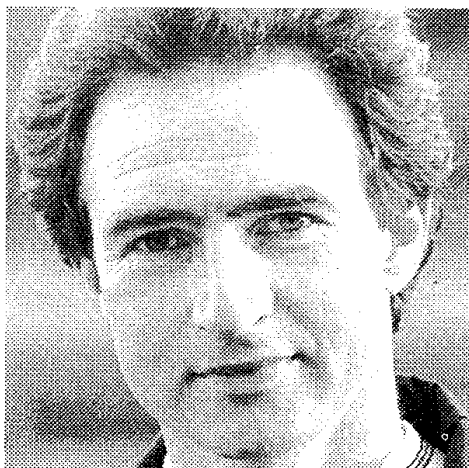


Manager's diary



Martin O'Neill

WITH no midweek match this week, Wycombe Wanderers' manager Martin O'Neill was able to take stock of his players' performances on the eve of their FA Cup clash, and what the future might hold for them.

●STEVE WHITBY: "He's done very well. He's got an awful lot to learn, and like most of us would benefit from regular training. Trying to get a point across to a young lad like that on a Tuesday or Thursday evening when you have to set up a proper coaching session is difficult. I put him back in Slough, and he didn't do badly; he's got, for his ability, a bit of a defensive problem, which can be ironed out. And going forward he looks excellent."

●DAVE CARROLL: "There's people watching the lads here on a pretty regular basis and someone might take a chance with them. At the minute, Davie Carroll, I think deserves a chance to play at a higher level. He shouldn't have played against Slough, but it just shows the calibre of the man."

●KEITH RYAN: "He's done very well, and he won't disappear. I said to him last Saturday he was a bit unlucky not to be in the side and hopefully he's got a whole future with us in front of him and he's dead keen. He's got a great attitude."

●GARY SMITH: "He's been holding his place although the last few weeks he will say he's struggled with his game. He did very well during the early part of the season, and he's very brave; he ducks out of nothing, and I said to him, I wish I'd had the same courage when I played."

●ANDY ROBINSON: "I left Andy out the side a few weeks ago, and he came back and played like an absolute world beater. He was a bit unlucky to be left out of the side on Saturday, but still very much part of the set up."