

POPPY DAZE

MAGNIFICENT Mark West shattered Kettering's unbeaten Conference run on Saturday when he scored four goals in Wycombe's 5-1 win.

The Poppies came to Adams Park as league leaders but were completely out-classed in the Blues' best performance of the season.

West said afterwards: "Today everything went just right."

It went right for the whole team, including Chuck Moussadik in goal for the still injured John Granville. Wycombe's defence was solid, midfield quick and both West and Nicky Evans sharp.

The horrors began for Kettering as early as the second minute when a corner from Dave Carroll found Mark West unmarked and he headed home past the unfortunate Kevin Blackwell.

The second Blues goal came in the 31st minute. Chuck Moussadik punted a long ball that found Mark West in his own half. The Kettering keeper came out too fast and West calmly tipped it over him into the empty net.

Crossbar

Six minutes later it was 3-0. West put the ball in for Nicky Evans whose volley was blocked but only returning as far as Carroll, who hammered it into the net via the crossbar.

Kettering pulled one back a minute later. Phil Brown's corner was cleared

5-goal blitz for the Blues

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as far as Richard Huxford who volleyed in.

In the second half the Blues continued their dominance as West notched up his hat trick.

Evans knocked the ball back from a Carroll cross and West slipped the ball home.

After 62 minutes Carroll found Simon Hutchinson on the line. He laid it back, but that man West calmly scored his fourth goal.

Kettering simply didn't have a chance. It was as much as they could do to hang on to the final whistle.

● **WYCOMBE** will come face to face with old rivals Yeovil at Adams Park on Saturday (kick off 3pm).

Yeovil were responsible for knocking the Blues out of the Bob Lord Trophy last year in a thrilling encounter at Loakes Park.