

West gets his call up

PETE LANSLEY reports

MARK West has been selected for England following his superb season with Wycombe Wanderers.

Blues' top scorer will join up with the England squad for the game against Wales, to be played at Stafford on Friday May 17.

West was surprised by Wednesday's news. "I'd forgotten about it for this year after being injured. I'm really pleased: it's capped a fine season. I'll probably be sub, but it would be nice to get on.

He added: "The hardest bit is getting in the squad. Get that cap on!"

As well as 36 Wycombe goals, West has scored for the FA XI this season in his best-ever goalscoring term.

The game takes place the night before the FA Cup Final, but the night after any Trophy Final replay. Should Wycombe and Kidderminster draw, West would be required for the game scheduled for West Bromwich Albion.

West foresees no problem: "That's alright. I'll play the first half and score a hat-trick on Thursday, then nip across to Stafford."

● England squad: McKenna (Boston), Pape (Enfield), Lee (Witton Albion), Skivington (Barrow), Conner (Redbridge), Nichol, Bancroft (Kettering), Rogers (Sutton), Todd (Berwick Rangers), Showler (Altrincham), Humphries, Joseph (Kidderminster), Carter, Lowe (Barnet), Furlong (Enfield), West (Wycombe)
