

First Trophy final stirs triumphant memories

WINNING the FA Trophy at Wembley tomorrow will be the way to top Wycombe Wanderers' incredible first year at Adams Park.

But whatever the result, Blues' run to the final of the prestigious competition has provided memories to last forever.

From Steve Guppy's first-round winner back in January against Wealdstone to Keith Scott's clinching penalty up at Altrincham, the road to Wembley has been paved with golden moments.

Bucks Free Press photographer Matthew Fowler has been the man chronicling most of Wycombe's games, and took all these pictures except those of Northwich, Wealdstone and Claire Nixon.

There was an early feeling that this was Wanderers' Wembley year. The side, full of match-winning players, had already displayed a tendency to lift themselves for the big occasion.

After 1-0 wins in the first two rounds, manager Martin O'Neill fancied Blues' chances of reaching Wembley, saying that the signs were there: the side had not yet kicked a ball in the competition but had not conceded a goal.

After Mark West's winner at VS Rugby, Cheltenham were beaten by headed goals from Blues' own pair of twin towers, Glyn Creaser and Andy Kerr.

Injury could not prevent Mark West from sending Blues on their way to a quarter-final triumph at Northwich, and then Altrincham were duly dispatched. See today's supplement for more photos.