

Future Blues get that winning feeling



Alex Twitchen of Wycombe Wanderers surrounded by aspiring soccer stars from Marlow Church of England School

ONE hundred and thirty youngsters and their mums and dads were the guests of Wycombe Wanderers for last week's awards ceremony.

Club chairman Ivor Beeks presented children from five junior schools with proficiency certificates for taking part in the Wycombe Wanderers six week schools training programme.

The children who went to Adams Park on Thursday were from the Hamilton School in Hampden Road, High Wycombe, Marlow Church of England School, Loudwater School, The Carrington School, in Flackwell Heath, and Butlers Court School in Beacons-

field.

They were coached by Wycombe star Simon Stapleton, among other players, in the basic skills of dribbling, turning and scoring for one and a half hours a week for six week periods.

Training course organiser Alex Twitchen said: "The course went very well throughout the year. Three hundred children from ten schools went through the scheme. There was a lot of young talent. They should endeavour to keep practising."

Alex said the training scheme was run along the lines of the Football Association's official training programme.

Blues get home run for three out of the four

FA TROPHY holders Wycombe Wanderers have been handed three home fixtures out of the first four GM Vauxhall Conference games for the start of the 1991/92 season starting next month.

Gateshead return to the scene of their 4-0 trouncing of last April for the opener at Adams Park on August 17, while Yeovil Town and Blues' arch rivals Altrincham also visit during August.

Wanderers' first journey will be to newly-promoted Witton Albion.

The Christmas games should be a lot more festival-like than last year's hangover, as Blues visit neighbours Slough on Boxing Day and play the return on New Year's Day.

Blues have announced there will again be a combined ticket for their first two pre-season friendlies, against Coventry City (July 24) and West Ham United (July 27).

To stand and watch the two matches with the First Division sides will cost £5, while a seat costs £6. Prices for the games against Watford (August 1) and Bournemouth will be as for Conference games (£4 terracing and £5 seating). Concessions for families, juniors and OAPs will apply from the Watford game.

● **SEASON** ticket sales are already up considerably on last year, with an approximate 40% increase on terrace tickets and about 15% on stand tickets.

● **THE Bucks Free Press** want to know who the supporters think was Blues' Player of the Year for last season. Sanctioned by the club, we need your votes in by the morning of Monday, July 22. The player will receive a magnum of champagne and a plaque before one of the pre-season friendlies — and you could be handing them over.

Once all votes have been received at the Gomm Road

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office, the voter whose name our Editor pulls out of a hat will be offered the chance to present the award.

August

Sat 17 GATESHEAD
Sat 24 Witton Albion
Mon 26 YEOVIL TOWN
Sat 31 ALTRINCHAM

September

Wed 4 Welling United
Sat 7 Stafford Rangers
Tues 10 BARNET (Champions' Shield)
Sat 14(FAC 1st qualifier)
Tues 17 Merthyr Tydfil
Sat 21 MACCLESFIELD
Sat 28 COLCHESTER UTD

October

Sat 5 Runcorn
Sat 12 TELFORD UNITED
Sat 19 Boston United
Sat 26 Kidderminster

November

Sat 2 REDBRIDGE FOREST
Sat 9 MERTHYR TYDFIL
Sat 16(FAC 1)
Sat 23 Barrow
Sat 30 CHELTENHAM

December

Sat 7 Colchester (FAC 2)
Sat 14 NORTHWICH
Sat 21 RUNCORN
Thurs 26 Slough Town
Sat 28

January

Wed 1 SLOUGH TOWN
Sat 4 Bath City (FAC 3)
Sat 11(FAT 1)
Sat 18 KIDDERMINSTER
Wed 22 Cheltenham Town
Sat 25 Macclesfield Town

February

Sat 1 FARNBRO' (FAT 2)
Sat 8 Telford United
Sat 15 Northwich Victoria
Sat 22(FAT 3)
Tues 25 Kettering Town
Sat 29 BARROW

March

Sat 7 Yeovil Town
Tues 10 BOSTON UNITED
Sat 14 Altrincham (FAT 4)
Tues 17 Redbridge Forest
Sat 21 STAFFORD RANGERS
Sat 28 KETTERING TOWN

April

Sat 4 Farnborough (FAT SF)
Sat 11(FAT SF)
Sat 18 WELLING UNITED
Mon 20 BATH CITY
Sat 25 Gateshead

May

Sat 2 WITTON ALBION
Sun 10(FAT Final)
(Home fixtures capitalised)