

After tonight, Andy and our two other injury victims, Gary Elliott and Andy Scott, have a chance to regain fitness without missing any action as our next competitive game is not until Saturday week. However, we have agreed to meet Wycombe in a friendly at Adams Park this Saturday – a nice easy little relaxation!! The Adams Park ground is well worth a visit if you missed it last season, and it may be our last visit there for an all non-league game if current form persists. The reserves are at home to Corinthian Casuals this Saturday.

When we do return to competitive action we visit Kingstonian, beginning a week in which we also entertain Enfield and visit Aylesbury. Although Woking and/or Chesham could disrupt the current position, the game at Kingstonian could be first v second, so let's see a large Sutton contingent swelling what's sure to be a large crowd – and get there early

Tony Dolbear

On September 11th, the Blues made it three wins out of three with a 2-0 success at Aldershot.

The full line-up was:- C. Moussaddik, S. Whitby, P. Byrne, M. Crossley, P. Corcoran, S. Hutchinson (D. Thompson 55 mins), M. Cook, J. Price (A. Laing 55 mins), G. Crawshaw, T. Vance and T. Gooden. The "Shots" had the better of the first-half, but the Blues took the lead on the stroke of half-time with a goal by Channel Islands Player of the Year Tony Vance. Wycombe had much the better of the second half - the second goal coming from Gary Crawshaw after 80 minutes.

Delighted Sutton United boss Alan Gane pronounced his side's victory at Wycombe Wanderers on Saturday their best performance of the season **writes Martin Bryce.**

Wycombe had won all six of the Conference matches to go clear at the top in the race to reach the Football League, and Sutton were the first club to beat them in any match this term.

Although Wanderers made several substitutions every member of their first-team squad took part and Mr Gane said the game was a physical one.

And he also pointed to a steady improvement in Sutton's performances since the early friendlies, one of which they lost 4-1 at home to Wycombe.

"It was probably our best performance of the season and we played twice as well as when we lost that earlier game," said Mr Gane.

"It was quite physical not just a gentle run out. We played very well and we are defending much better than we were earlier in the season."

Gavin stands by

GAVIN Covington stands by for his Conference debut as Wycombe Wanderers, still four points clear at the top of the table, tonight visit Merthyr Tydfil (Tuesday, ko 7.30pm) with left-back Steve Walford (knee injury) doubtful.

Matt Crossley also comes into contention, while Simon Stapleton is still suspended.

Blues, fielding 20 players, lost a friendly to Sutton 1-0 in front of a crowd of around 450 at Adams Park on Saturday.

Wycombe visit Egham in the Youth League tomorrow night (ko 7.30pm).

Merthyr must show sharper finishing at Penydarren Park tonight if they are to preserve their ground record against GM Vauxhall Conference leaders Wycombe Wanderers.

"We had several chances from point-blank range at Witon on Saturday but failed to beat the keeper. We need to be

FOUR of our teams blaze the Wembley trail tomorrow as the FA Cup reaches the first qualifying round stage.

Chesham United are at home to **Wolverton** hoping to pick up from a disappointing 2-2 draw with **Tooting and Mitcham** in the Diadora League Cup on Wednesday. Ian Mitchell and Billy Goldstone were the United scorers, with Byron Walton missing a penalty.

Manager George Borg was hoping this week to sign Barnet's Paul Wilson, who played against Wycombe on Tuesday, to add some midfield grit.

Wycombe Wanderers are not involved in the FA Cup until November following the success of their cup runs last season.

Sutton United visit Adams Park for a friendly tomorrow (ko 3pm) with the next Conference fixture at **Merthyr Tydfil** next Tuesday.

Ty Gooden should play tomorrow, while Simon Hutchinson, Matt Crossley and Steve Whitby may also figure after last night's 2-0 win at Aldershot in the Capital League.

Gary Crawshaw, signed by Wanderers on a monthly basis, and Tony Vance scored the goals that mean Blues' three teams have won all their ten competitive games this season (six Conference, three Capital League and one FA Youth Cup).

more clinical," said manager Wynford Hopkins.

The Martyrs will have to make the most of their goal opportunities against opponents boasting maximum points after six games in which they scored 14 goals while conceding just five.

Cardiff City (v Halifax): Ward; Jones, Searle, Gibbins (capt), Abraham, Perry, Pike, Lewis, Millar, Dale, Ramsey. Subs: Griffith and Heard.

Merthyr Tydfil (v Wycombe Wanderers): Wood; (from) Tucker, Hemming, Boyle, Lewis, Rogers, D'Auria, Webley, Thompson, Beattie, Williams, Hutchison, Evans.