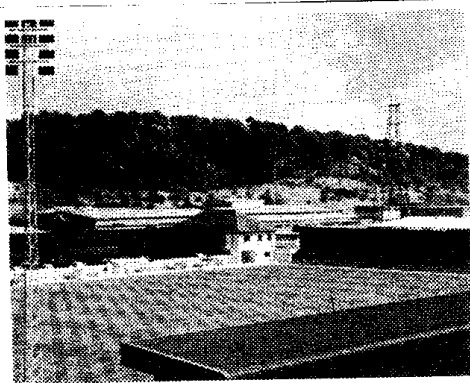




ADAMS PARK ROUND-UP

MARK West's testimonial plans are under way and a bumper evening is planned for November 9, the day of Blues' home game with Merthyr Tydfil.

In the Vere Suite, there will be a buffet, a Question of Sport quiz session, a disco, and a surprise cabaret.

Following unconfirmed reports that Keith Scott and Andy Kerr were parading as male models on Friday night, this could be the funniest part of the evening.

Tickets (priced £10) are available from Scotty or the Commercial Office at Adams Park.

● **STRIKER** Tony Vance, who impressed in the pre-season game with Coventry City, has joined Enfield on a month's trial. The Channel Islander picked up an injury before the season got under way, and only played for the first team in the recent friendly with Sutton United. He will be training with Brentford.

● **IN** the Bob Lord Trophy second round, Blues will visit Merthyr on Tuesday October 15. The tie will be resolved on the night, with penalties following extra time in the event of scores being level after 90 minutes.

● **SCOTT** Barrett's bizarre winner last Saturday certainly caught the nation's imagination. Nice picture of the Adams Park skyline in Monday's Telegraph, and I'm told even Des Lynam reported the incident on Grandstand. But at Colchester, it's old hat: Barrett's deputy, Paul Gothard, scored while on loan for Wivenhoe the previous weekend. The only trouble was, he conceded a few himself as Woking won 8-1.

● **CHUCK** Moussaddik watched Wycombe's game against Aylesbury on Tuesday — or some of it anyway. When Paul Hyde was carried off injured, cries came from the Blues players on the field: "Where's Chuck?" Substitute Mickey Nuttall retorted: "He's gone home."

There goes Chuck's first big chance.

● **SIX**-shooters West and Nuttall have missed out to Northwich striker Malcolm O'Connor, who has won the Goalscorer of the Month Award with nine goals, while Colchester's 2.25 goals per game have won them the first Vauxhall Goals Jackpot.

Club pay price of success

Exclusive

PETE LANSLEY reports

DESPITE the most successful year in their history, Wycombe Wanderers are only just keeping their heads above water in financial terms.

The Bucks Free Press can reveal that the club are only £40,077 in the black, according to figures approved by the board on September 23.

The team's success on the field last season led to an increased average attendance of over 50 per cent. In Wanderers' accounts for the year ending May 31, 1991, proceeds from home gates increased from £99,871 (for the year ending May 31 1990) to £310,849.

The pre-season friendlies, including the visit of Nottingham Forest, and cup runs in both the FA Trophy and the FA Cup also contributed to this rise.

The cost of this success in the transfer market has also been good news. Martin O'Neill's trading in this period included the purchases of Simon Hutchinson (£7,000), Mickey Nuttall (£6,000) and the initial outlay of £10,000 for Keith Scott, while the late Kevin Durham (£15,000) and Nicky Evans (£25,000) departed.

But taking into account staggered payments from previous sales and any other costs, the outlay is £45,875, meaning a deficit of £5,875.

Players' wages increased from a previous year's total of £130,302, to £202,442 for O'Neill's 20-strong squad. The cost of success is also reflected in matchday expenses, which more than doubled to £84,142.

Elsewhere during the year, the club has acquired trade creditors to the tune of £255,712, while loans owed over various periods mean another £154,000 is owed.

On the positive front, commercial activities have increased revenue. Alan Hutchinson's clubcall brought in £12,144, the sale of programmes and handbooks increased almost tenfold to £43,116, while income from sponsorship increased by 86 per cent to £78,566.

Although bar profits were a disappointing £27,672, income from the tea bar franchises brought in £6,750. This will no doubt interest those who have been unhappy with the price of drinks within the ground.

Adams Park is valued at around £3.5 million, while it would seem income from the FA Trophy Final victory will appear in next year's accounts.