

Impressive first half sets Wycombe going

AFTER witnessing Wycombe's best score under his guidance, Martin O'Neill exclaimed: "We were sensational. We won the second half like that because of what we did in the first half.

"We should have been three or four ahead at half time — it was down to sheer luck and good goalkeeping that we weren't. At his sharpest, Scott would've got two or three. He was desperately unlucky to hit the woodwork. He needs another goal."

Andy Kerr scored his first of the season for goal number four, against one of his previous clubs. "Our object is to win the league. We don't want to jeopardize anything by over-elaborating on the result, and once you get to a certain number of goals it gets difficult to maintain the pressure," said Kerr, who played with Telford's manager Gerry Daly for Shrewsbury.

"But it's a great feeling scoring against Telford. The result was good."

Tonight, Blues travel to Merthyr Tydfil (ko 7.30pm) for a Bob Lord second round tie. Jason Cousins is doubtful, and Blues physiotherapist Dave Jones said the muscles in the full back's shoulder could be torn.

Ruled out are Mickey Nuttall, serving the last match of his suspension, Keith Ryan, out for the past three weeks with a virus and now having blood tests, and Martin Blackler.

Blackler saw a specialist recently to discover his ripped groin muscle has reduced him to 50 per cent power. "I'm on a month's programme. I can run freely, but it's going to react in a game situation. I'm building it up." The midfielder hopes to name a return date after a couple of weeks.