

Blues supply six of the very best

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WYCOMBE'S superb start to the season has been recognised this week as they provide six of the best for an FA representative side.

Redbridge boss John Still has selected half a dozen Wanderers stars in his 16-man squad to play an Isthmian League side at Aylesbury's Buckingham Road on Tuesday, December 10.

Dave Carroll and Mark West retain their places from last year's team in what is one of four regional trial games for the England semi-professional team.

Now there are call-ups for Glyn Creaser, Paul Hyde, Jason Cousins and Steve Guppy as Wanderers dominate the squad.

After scoring in a 4-0 win at Kingstonian in this game last January, West went on to collect his first England cap against Wales in May.

He and Blues skipper Creaser were also named in the Conference team of the year voted for by the league's managers.

Hyde kept goal for a Vauxhall League side last February, while for Cousins, 21, this call-up rounds off what is turning out to be a good career move.

Although he was released as a professional with Brentford, his summer switch to Wycombe has seen him consistently produce solid, creative showings from right back.

Martin O'Neill, the Wycombe manager, said five of his team were already selected when Still asked if there was anyone else who should be considered.

O'Neill said: "I asked him to add the name of Jason Cousins, because he'll not let you down, and he'll do as well as anyone else. On the whole, he's done excellently."

"It may be a bit of a euphemism on my part, but

I've seen worse players in the Football League."

There is every indication that Carroll and Guppy will play as the team's two widemen. Guppy said: "That's sound — brilliant. I'll go out and give it my best shot: I've got nothing to lose."

It was some surprise when Carroll, who attracted the attention of several league clubs, was not selected for last season's England squad with West.

Now he hopes to play

himself back into contention, especially with six of last season's squad — five Barnet players plus Paul Furlong — having moved on to the Football League.

Carroll said: "I've got to play a bit better than I have done lately, but you never know. It's bit of a bonus."

FA squad: Paul Hyde, John Power (Farnborough), Mark Hone, Steve Connor (Redbridge Forest), Glyn Creaser, Paul Watts (Redbridge), Dave Carroll, Steve Thompson, Steve Guppy, Mark West, Simon Reid (Farnborough), Gary Abbot (Welling), Paul Richardson, Bobby Mayes (both Redbridge), Jason Cousins, Mark Golly (Welling).