

BLUES TO FACE THE GUNNERS

LEAGUE champions Arsenal bring a quality line-up to Adams Park tonight for a friendly with Wycombe Wanderers (ko 7.45pm).

Swedish international Anders Limpar and England Under 21 star Kevin Campbell lead the front line as Blues prepare to test their Football League potential against a side including several integral members of George Graham's First Division squad.

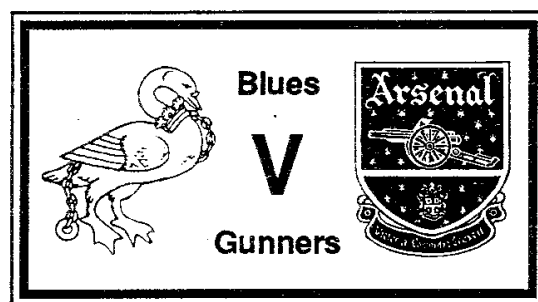
Arsenal approached Wycombe for the fixture, anxious to give players match practice as the Gunners attempt to rebuild their championship challenge.

Blues' manager Martin O'Neill has no fears about plunging his players into their second game in two days after last night's Conference title clash with Farnborough Town.

Whoever O'Neill selects to play up front will have their work cut out as they face Colin Pates, Steve Bould and million-pound man Andy Linighan.

Perry Groves and, possibly, David Hillier are also due at Adams Park for a game with reduced admission prices (£2 adults, £1 OAPs and juniors).

In a week which culminates with the visit of Woking in the FA Trophy on Saturday, O'Neill said: "The lads are looking for hard games. Since last Friday night, that is ten days ago, most of the lads have had no football.



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"Two games in two days will be no problem," added O'Neill. "But we'll see how we get on against Farnborough.

"Arsenal have done us proud — it's an excellent side. They asked us for the game, as they need match practice."

While Wycombe's game at Macclesfield fell to the bad weather with a Friday postponement, Arsenal, League champions twice in the last three seasons, also had a free weekend due to their early exit from the FA Cup. They were the giants to fall to Wrexham in the third round before West Ham were held on Saturday.

Wanderers' opponents this Saturday, Woking, won 2-0 at Bromley to maintain their lead at the top of the Diadora League Premier Division.