

New striker expects to keep missing

AFTER his match-winning brace against Boston this week, Dennis Greene confessed to the Bucks Free Press that he fully expects to keep missing chances.

Wycombe's recent signing from Chelmsford is, along with Steve Thompson, cup tied as Blues take on Witton tomorrow.

Greene said: "I've probably played in two full games (for Wycombe) in total and scored three goals. But the problem I have is I miss a lot.

"I get in a lot of good positions and have chances. But I'm not the best finisher in the world. If I get three chances and score one in a game, I'd probably be in on the job.

"Like tonight, I've scored two goals, but I probably could've scored

five and the other chances weren't that hard. If I'd missed all five I would be struggling."

With Kim Casey and Mark West eagerly awaiting their chance, Greene is well aware there is intense competition for places in the Wycombe squad.

"There's the FA Trophy again come Saturday and I'm out of that. Hopefully because I've done well in this game, if I'm not playing (next week) I should be in the squad. Because with the squad we've got down here, you're lucky to get on the bench, let alone be playing."

Martin O'Neill was understandably pleased with his new signing's contribution. "Greene's done himself no harm. On one night at

Chelmsford, I've seen him miss seven very good chances and score one. But he wants to get there again — he won't shirk."

Greene paid credit to Keith Scott's part in his first goal and O'Neill said: "Scotty's playing better now than he has done all season — which is not wildly difficult.

"Scotty gets stronger at this time of year — cynics would say it's because he does nothing for the first part of the year."

● WYCOMBE play at Redbridge next Tuesday unless either side requires a Trophy replay that night. If Redbridge draw their quarter final, Wycombe will play be at home to Farnborough.

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By PETE LANSLEY

WYCOMBE boss Martin O'Neill has been fined £200 by the Football Association.

At yesterday's personal hearing at Bristol, however, O'Neill was exonerated over claims that he had physically intimidated referee Royston Osborne after last month's 2-1 defeat at Cheltenham when Blues' Simon Hutchinson was dismissed.

Wanderers director Alan Parry was fined £100 earlier in the season when Osborne reported their after-match confrontation following Wycombe's first defeat of the season. Osborne sent off two Wycombe players as Macclesfield won 1-0 that day.

"In mitigation, I had to tell them of his refereeing of the two games when we've had three players sent off," said O'Neill, who was sent off once in 14 years as a player.

"We've only had one sent off in 36 other games and we're still involved in all competitions."

O'Neill also confirmed: "They certainly discarded the referee's suggestion that I used physical intimidation."

● SPORTSCAST, broadcasters of Friday night Conference matches, have "closed business" this week.

The satellite channel have been televising a weekly match since they showed Wycombe's exciting win over Kidderminster in January.

They were due to return to Adams Park for Blues' game with Kettering on March 27. Wycombe and Kettering are now deciding whether to move the game back to its original Saturday kick off.

Sportscast preferred not to comment on why they were shutting the service down.

● FOURTH Division Northampton Town, who faced a winding-up order in the High Court on Wednesday, have adjourned the case for two months. Aldershot face a similar order next Wednesday. The clubs' fate could lead to an extra promotion place being made available to Vauxhall Conference clubs.

IN THE BLUE CORNER

BOSTON left their preparations behind in the dressing rooms on Tuesday night. After their 2-1 defeat at Adams Park, a muddy sheaf of reports on the Wycombe players was found discarded.

Apparently, Glyn Creaser was reported to "fancy himself", Jason Cousins "couldn't defend", and Keith Scott had "no apparent pace but is strong in the air." Scotty was also said to be "worth a boot."

Shame they lost, really...

● ALLAN Robson has made it. Our former commercial manager, who took over the same role with Second Division Watford back in December, earned himself a mention on the cult Radio 5 show, Danny Baker's '606' last Saturday. I was at Vicarage Road to witness Robson making his presence felt before Watford's match with Ipswich. During the interval, our old pal stage-managed a proposal of marriage between a supporter and his girlfriend out on the pitch in his own inimitable style.

Low and behold, however, a Watford fan got through to Danny Baker suggesting Robson should be "outed." The fan mentioned Robson had been head-

hunted from Wycombe Wanderers, and went on to say the "showbiz bore" was "champing at the bit to get on the pitch with a microphone" thinking he added "a bit of stardust to the proceedings."

● WHO mentioned a fix? Lou Macari must be drawing the Leagueline winners for Blues at the moment. After the chairman's wife won £25 last week, secretary John Goldsworthy is this week's £400 winner. The £25 winners are R. O'Connor (262) and G. Lacey (652). Lucky Letters for week 62 are T, I and K. There is a prize pool of £668.70 and nine winners.

● THE successful penalty-taker during the half-time interval of Tuesday night's match is obviously destined to become a soccer star of the future.

Not only did Gavin Lane, aged nine, from Downley Middle School, beat Trevor Roffey four times from the spot to win VIP treatment at a forthcoming home match; not only (drum roll please) did the Hithercroft Under 10 player recently receive his FA Funweek award from Martin O'Neill; but his dad, Dick Lane, works for the BFP.

That's what I call star quality.