

Roy's cup brims full of confidence

ROY McDonough, Colchester's manager, this week expressed optimism about his side's chances of a Wembley appearance.

"The players won't ever have a better chance of playing at Wembley," he said. "Everything's in our favour. If our lads can't do it, there's something wrong."

McDonough was more cagey about the possibility of winning the double of Conference title and Trophy, however.

"I'd like to think we could do both but that remains to be seen," he said.

While the Us' manager is confident of victory in the two-legged semi final against Macclesfield, he is more than happy with the league run-in that Colchester have — five out of seven games are at home.

McDonough went as far as suggesting Blues' boss Martin O'Neill would gladly swap places with him at the moment but

COLIN HAZELDEN reports

added: "If Wycombe pull it off and win all their remaining games you'd have to take your hat off and say they deserved it."

Meanwhile, off the pitch, Colchester's efforts to raise £100,000 to bring Layer Road up to League standards seem to be progressing well.

Around £15,000 has so far been raised. James Bowdidge, United's chairman, says Colchester have received over £20,000 worth of pledges from building firms willing to help.

The chairman, himself on a sponsored diet, dismissed suggestions that Colchester need a Wembley appearance to raise the money. He said all Trophy receipts would remain separate from the appeal.

REMAINING FIXTURES

● Colchester

April 4 Macclesfield (FAT SF 1st leg); April 11 MACCLESFIELD (FAT SF 2nd leg); April 14 SLOUGH; April 18 TELFORD; April 20 MERTHYR TYDFIL; April 22 Boston United; April 25 Macclesfield; April 28 KETTERING; May 2 BARROW

● Wycombe:

April 4 Farnborough; April 7 RUN-CORN (BLTF 2nd leg); April 11 Altrincham; April 14 Macclesfield; April 18 WELLING; April 20 BATH; April 22 Kettering; April 25 Gateshead; April 30 Redbridge; May 2 WITTON
Home fixtures in capitals

IN THE BLUE CORNER

BETTER hurry for your tickets for the next Sportsman's Dinner at Adams Park — a snip at £30,000 each!

Mike Phillips, promotions manager, evidently has a head for business. Thirty grand was the suggested price he printed in the last matchday programme as he advertised seats for the May 11 bash at which Jackie Blanchflower will be speaking.

That price makes the cost for a table of ten (£275) sound an absolute giveaway.

● THE £400 Leagueline winner is C. Holloway. N. Witney and A. Connely each win £25. The Lucky Letters this week are F, U and Y.

● JASON Cousins' never-say-die attitude brought him the supporters' player of the month award for February.

● NICE to see Steve Whitby's heart is still in the right place. Now with Slough, the popular former Blues full back scored an oggy in Wycombe reserves' win at Wexham on Wednesday.

● CONGRATULATIONS to Wanderers ladies reserves who have won promotion, scoring 116 goals in the process.

Forest Hill reserves were beaten 14-0 in the last game of the season. Now the Blues will play in the WFA Southern Region Division Three from September.

Team skipper Tracey Ramsey said the team were honoured to bring the first women's soccer trophy into Wycombe. Now the club are set to house the silverware in the trophy cabinet — maybe alongside the Conference Championship?