

## IN THE BLUE CORNER

**TIM Dalton** may well be advised to cross the street the next time he sees **Martin O'Neill** coming. Not only did Dalton, the Farnborough keeper, concede two goals within the opening 163 seconds to O'Neill's current side last Saturday, but when he was released by Grantham a few seasons ago, O'Neill was the manager.

Four minutes into his home debut last Saturday, Dalton must have been wishing he was still on the M25 — which is where Boro's recent signing from Derry was stuck when Farnborough kicked off their Conference game with Bath a week last Tuesday.

● **HEARTFELT** apologies go out to the generally well-tuned public announcer at Cherrywood Road.

As the pre-match music sent me gently towards the land of nod and the sounds of the Fifties (as Alan Hutchinson informed me they were) wofted out into the spring afternoon, press box cynics suggested the music was worse than at Adams Park.

It was only then that the announcer, named Dick, told us he spent his evenings lovingly preparing a different tape of songs for each and every home match.

● **SIGNS** that the rest of the world is noticing Wycombe Wanderers are increasing. A manic depressive getting into his car outside White Hart Lane after witnessing Spurs' latest kamikaze performance was heard to suggest a sensible antidote: "That's it: they even scored another goal after I left. I've had enough. I'm off to Adams Park next season."

● **LEAGUELINE** winners: D. J. Wallace (£400), P. J. Brandon and M. Wethered (£25). Lucky Letters: E, W and L.

● **THE** youth team, 5-0 winners over Maidenhead on Monday, are at home to Chertsey this coming Monday, and travel to Tring next Thursday.

● **TWO** fans imposed an impromptu interview on the manager when they popped into Adams Park recently. They were given short shrift, however, when they asked him why he didn't use his substitutes more often.

"Let me see, I've got 11 players out there already. If I sent on two more that would be 13, and they don't allow that," O'Neill reportedly retorted.