

Blues will not train on pitch

By **PETE LANSLEY**

THE Adams Park pitch is due for the softly softly treatment as chairman Ivor Beeks pledged Blues will train elsewhere.

Friendlies will not be played on the recovering surface until Tottenham Hotspur visit on August 4.

The downpours of the past week, sent right on cue as if to mock this reporter's words written on a parched afternoon last Thursday, have helped the Adams Park pitch flourish.

Beeks promised Blues will not be training on the pitch during the coming season. Surveying the green grass now covering Adams Park, he said: "We'll be training at Cressex. We must give this pitch a chance next year.

"For the benefit of the players, they need the best surface possible. It won't return to the state it was in at the end of last season."

The chairman was in a distinctly upbeat mood this week as he set his sights towards next season.

He exclaimed: "I'm buzzing — let's get cracking again. It's not gloom and despondency. I think we'll have a great season. We're in the Conference so let's win it."

Staying in non-league football, pending today's confirmation at the AGM, will entitle Blues to take their place in the FA Trophy again. No optimism was beyond Beeks as he said: "The League have given us a chance to go to Wembley again."

He continued: "No non-league club could have given it more than we did. Now we've got to get 94 points again, and there won't be too many who get that. I'm sure the support will be there for us again."

Blues' pre-season schedule also includes a visit from an Arsenal team. Wycombe will travel to Hayes, Paul Hyde's former club, while ex-Wanderers full back George Borg promises an excellent Harrow pitch for Wycombe's final warm-up game before the Conference season starts on August 20.

August friendlies

Saturday 1
Tuesday 4
Thursday 6
Saturday 8
Tuesday 11
Saturday 15
Tuesday 18

Worthing (a)
Spurs XI (h)
Arsenal XI (h)
to be confirmed
Hayes (a)
Dover (a)
Harrow (a)



Ivor Beeks

Concert would open floodgates

I HAVE supported Wycombe Wanderers from the age of five, so you may understand my feeling when I read the comments of Mark Austin, Sales Manager of the Wanderers.

I sat on that planning panel and the decision of the carol service was made on behalf of everyone in Sands, not only Wycombe Wanderers, but people who live there and put up with the traffic.

The carol service was a great idea, but what next — pop concerts and so on? Let's sort the problems out first, the council and the club together.

Please Mr Austin, grow up and act like someone who is very lucky to have a job with a fantastic club.

Cllr David J Carroll
Wycombe District Council

Rude letter does Blues no good

I FEEL compelled to write re the reply by Michael Thompson to an abusive letter from a "loyal Colchester fan" in the BFP.

I am an ardent Wanderers supporter, but do not agree with the tone of Mr Thompson's equally abusive note at all. Phrases like "Who does this man/donkey McDonough think he is?" and "It is about time this frightened wreck stopped whining" do nothing to increase the status of Wycombe Wanderers. In fact they diminish it.

I just refer the "fan" to the BFP's excellent pull-out a few weeks ago, and hope he will leave it at that. After all, his team is now safe in Division 3.

I feel an affinity for you, sir, in your support of football. It's just a shame league bosses do not support the sport too. Let's try to work together to rid the country of this inadequate system.

Meanwhile, Mr Thompson, we may feel our sympathies for this man, but abuse does not help.

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It's their league to do what they wish

AS A Wanderers supporter for 65 years (I am 77) I have been disgusted by some of the letters you have printed. For God's sake let us admit that Colchester won the league fair and square.

And if the Football League won't let us take Aldershot's place, well it's their league and their decision.

I don't attend many matches now, but I saw the C's goalie's freak goal! These things happen.

I also saw the Wanderers win the cup with a penalty the goalie saved in 1931.

I also saw Geoff Truett win a cup tie by hitting a goal kick straight back into the top of the net from the halfway line.

So let's stop moaning and get on with next season. Or save our moans for Wycombe Council who make it so difficult for an old man with a bad back to get to a match.

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