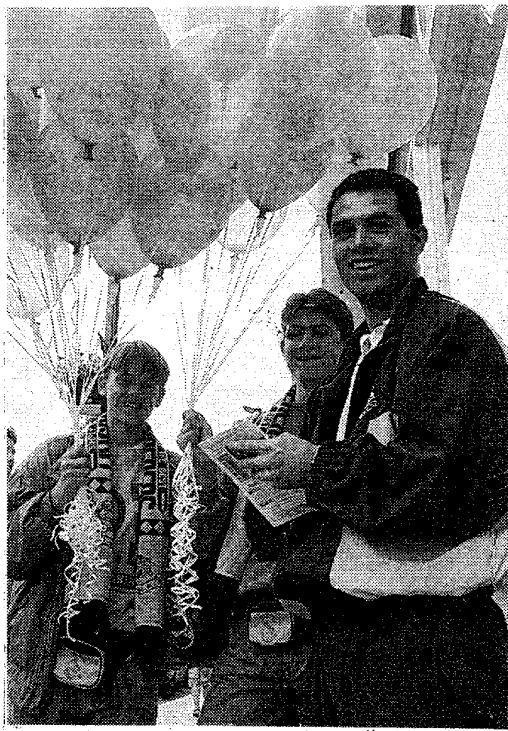




THE man who won the FA Trophy for Wycombe Wanderers signed copies of his own video for young and old fans alike this week.

The 26-year-old sales engineer was the toast of the town in 1991 when his spectacular diving header won the Trophy for the Blues, helping them to a 2-1 win over Kidderminster Harriers.

He is the only locally born player in the Wycombe side and now lives with wife, Gail, and one-year-old son Matthew in Thame.

Mark said: "The idea of the video was suggested to me before the start of the season. I was surprised but very pleased."

His manager Martin O'Neill, added: "I am very pleased for him. He has been a local hero here for some years. I think he deserves it."

The video, called Local Hero, follows Mark's career from his schoolboy days, right up until the present day. It is available from W H Smith's and the Wycombe Wanderers club shop at Adams Park, priced £11.99.

● The Level Best, a video charting the agony of Wycombe missing out on promotion in the 1991/92 season on goal difference, will be available on September 27.

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SIR—Now that the football season is upon us, I am looking forward to watching some great action.

I am *not* going to spend hundreds of pounds on a satellite dish, nor am I prepared to spend £9 to stand or £20 to sit at Stamford Bridge when Chelsea are at home to 'top five' teams in the Premier League.

I suggest that anyone who is fed up with soccer's over-inflated prices takes my example and follows the most exciting league in British soccer—the GM Vauxhall Conference. I will regularly travel over 40 miles each way to see undoubtedly the best non-League side, Wycombe Wanderers.

They are surely the envy of many League sides. They have a modern, safe ground, are financially sound and have great support. Last season, the average home GMVC gate at Wycombe was over 3,600.

The only irony is that the prize for winning the GMVC, the prize which generates such commitment by teams such as Wycombe and their fans, is promotion to the Football League!

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WYCOMBE WONDERER

Dear Kickback,

After reading your article on Colchester in Issue 112, I felt I must complain. The article was fine, what I wish to complain about is that at the start of the piece it said: "Last season, Colchester United swept all before them and became undisputed kings of non-League football".

How can you say that they "swept all before them" when they only won the League on goal difference and were beaten 6-2 at Colchester by Wycombe?

I would also like to ask why the FA will not allow Wycombe into the Football League? Not only did they have the same points as Colchester, but with Fourth Division clubs folding, leaving an uneven number of teams, surely Wycombe should be allowed in?

Simon Jones, Reading

1. Colchester winning the non-League double really does count as "sweeping all before them", I'm afraid.

2. Of course, the logical thing to do was stick Wycombe up as well, so naturally it didn't happen. I mean, what did you expect?



Colchester (red) are in the League; Wycombe are not. A sham of a travesty, or what?