

## IN THE BLUE CORNER

JIM Melvin, hollering for more goals as his youth team led Leighton Town 6-0 last Wednesday, was asked by a home team supporter: "What are you like when your side lose?"

Jim returned: "I don't know, I've only been manager here for three years!"

● **WINNERS** galore at Wycombe Wanderers this week. The League line people celebrating are P. O'Neill (£400, membership number 537), K. Page (068) and A. Cussell (253, both £25). The Lucky Letters are P, S and Z, and seven winners can take their share of £537.70. In the penalty raffle, Chris Young from Cippenham won a golf trolley from Wycombe Golf Centre and a £20 voucher for the club shop.

The golden goal time against Telford was 36 minutes. John Styles, Mrs M. Hanfell and Robin Gates each collect £20.

## FROM THE DRESSING ROOM

GLYN Creaser is happy to keep defying those who would pension him off, such as the miscreant hack who two years ago described the Blues skipper as "in his twilight years."

Now 33, Creaser has started his fourth autumn at Wycombe in typically dominant form, and, still fighting fit and enjoying his football, he's delighted to have been offered a two-year deal with the Blues.

"When Martin offered me a two-year contract, I bit his arm off," said Creaser. "Considering you said I was in my twilight years when I was 31, I thought: put that in your pipe and smoke it!"

The esteem in which Creaser is held was reflected when the Conference managers voted him into their representative side again last summer, alongside his Wanderers sidekick, Andy Kerr.

"Andy and me have been together for a few years now. It's up to him what he does, but I'm delighted he's stayed for now. We've got a good rapport."

Wycombe's defensive record — only two goals conceded in the first six games this season — is a continued source of pride.

"Matty knows what it's about, Jason is an asset, Hyde's made saves that other keepers wouldn't get near — he's also let others in that others would've got. But defensively we work hard as a team, not just the back four."

If no-one allows Hyde to forget the goal he conceded against Colchester last season, Creaser's nightmare came in a 3-1 defeat at Macclesfield last spring. "Going to Macclesfield the first game this season was psychologically important. I had a stinker last season; if I hadn't, we would have gone up. But we've all had days like that."

"Getting a good result at Macc this time was good for morale, and set us up. People are starting



**Glyn Creaser**

to play like last year again now, getting their games together."

Creaser shook off the bitter disappointment of a third runners-up medal — he missed out twice by two points when with Barnet — by going on holiday with his team mates the day after last season. Now the hardened defender is hoping this Indian summer of his career will at last include a championship triumph.

## Blues rule out legal action

WYCOMBE Wanderers have quashed rumours that Simon Hutchinson is to take legal action after a Welling defender broke the Blues winger's jaw.

Hutchinson is currently out of action for at least three weeks after Welling's Paul Collins backheeled him in the face and was shown the red card in Wycombe's 3-0 win on August 25. Wanderers manager Martin O'Neill told the Bucks Free Press: "I find it a strange sort of punishment. He (Collins) misses three matches in a week for booting a lad in the head, while Hutch probably misses seven or eight games. But at this stage, we're not taking it any further."

Last season, Torquay defender John Uzzell was successful in having Gary Blisset charged with assault after the Brentford striker was sent off for causing similar damage.

O'Neill said: "Other people have taken action in the Football League for similar — it was thought of here." He continued: "If we don't do anything, the lad Collins can consider himself very lucky."

Hutchinson said: "It's quite clear on the video what happened. I'm not personally doing anything."

Chairman Ivor Beeks confirmed: "It's something the player would have had to do. The punishment will come from the FA, not this club."

## Blues visit happy valleys

THE Blues return to a happy hunting ground tomorrow when they visit Merthyr Tydfil aiming to repeat the form which brought them three wins over the Martys last season.

Wycombe scraped a 2-1 win at Pennydarren Park in the league, hit new heights in a 3-1 Bob Lord Trophy success before further quelling the Welsh flames with a 4-0 victory at Adams Park — all before Christmas.

But Merthyr have started this season as well as they finished last and sit fourth in the table after Tuesday's 3-1 win at Bath.

And skipper Glyn Creaser warned: "Teams want to beat us more now. We dished out a few pastings last year, including against this lot. They're not going to roll over and die, they're a side to contend with, as they all are. It's a bloody hard league."