

WHAT A DRAW!

THE FA Cup Third Round draw has left the Blues of Wycombe and Marlow licking their lips.

Wanderers will play West Ham United at home if they win next Tuesday's Hawthorns replay.

And if Marlow win at VS Rugby in tomorrow night's delayed Second Round affair, they will play the cup kings from White Hart Lane, Tottenham Hotspur.

Marlow's hearts were in their mouths on Saturday as their First Round replay at Salisbury went to penalties. But cool heads won the day as Dave Russell's men clinched the sudden death decider 4-3 — and so progressed to their first ever appearance in the Second Round.

The Oak Tree Road club will wait to discover if they actually reach the Third Round before deciding where to play Spurs, eight times winners of the FA Cup.

Bucks' glorious Third Round draws were met with cries of delight on Sunday evening.

Martin O'Neill, after hearing the draw live on Sky Sports, told Midweek: "It's a great incentive for us — if ever an incentive was needed in the FA Cup. But first we have the small matter of trying to beat West Bromwich Albion at the Hawthorns.

"Having achieved a replay at West Bromwich, we've already done more than

well out of the FA Cup. We've earned a few bob out of the competition, and it's no longer about money."

Marlow manager Dave Russell commented on the possible match with Tottenham. "They were my boyhood heroes — I have always been a supporter of Spurs."

Chairman Michael Eagleton enthused: "It is a dream draw. Someone up there is writing this script."

Wanderers will be without Kim Casey for the replay — the striker dislocated his shoulder after 80 seconds of Sunday's game — but can welcome back Andy Kerr after his one-game suspension.

Wycombe beat West Ham 2-1 in a pre-season friendly last year, but O'Neill said: "That's incidental. But I've the utmost respect for Billy Bonds, a very honest manager who never hides from the media. He sent down a first team here last year when he was laden with injuries."

● **WYCOMBE'S** replay at the Hawthorns next Tuesday — December 15 — is not all-ticket. Admission is £6.50 to stand, £9 to sit. Seat tickets can be purchased from Adams Park tomorrow.

Renna will be taking coach bookings at Thursday night's FA Youth Cup Second Round match against Cambridge City (ko 7.45pm) at Adams Park.

● **COACHES** are leaving Oak Tree Road at 5pm for Marlow's game at Rugby. Phone 0628 483970 to book your seat (£5).

