

Marlow ready to play away

DIADORA LEAGUE club Marlow look certain to switch their FA Cup home third round tie against Tottenham to White Hart Lane, if they beat VS Rugby on Wednesday.

Marlow won their first round replay at Salisbury 4-2 on penalties after drawing 2-2 following extra-time and now travel to meet VS Rugby.

Club secretary Paul Burdell said: "It would have to be a committee decision but our ground is not designated and the police might make the decision for us.

"Our record gate is around 12,000 for a Berks and Bucks Cup Final replay between Slough and Wycombe but that was some time ago.

by **KEN DYER**

"Our ground wouldn't hold anywhere near that now and our average gate this season is about 360."

Manager at Marlow is former player Dave Russell, who took over from Mike Keen, the former Queens Park Rangers and Watford player.

Before taking charge at Marlow, Keen was manager at Wycombe Wanderers, who could be playing son Kevin's West Ham in the next round.

Wycombe, favourites to win promotion to the Football League at the end of the season, are managed by former Northern Ireland, Nottingham Forest and

Norwich midfield player Martin O'Neill.

The Buckinghamshire side forced a 2-2 draw with West Bromwich after coming back from two goals down. The winners of next Tuesday's replay are at home to West Ham in the third round.

"I had a couple of games for Wycombe when I was 16," said Kevin Keen today.

"My dad still has his sports shop in the town and I live at Chalfont St Peter, which is only about 15 minutes away. I'm a Wycombe boy and I still keep up to date with how they're doing.

"I suppose I have to go for West Brom in the replay but it would be great if Wycombe could get through and play us. The phone wouldn't stop ringing."



THIRD ROUND DRAW

Nottm Forest v Southampton
Brentford v Grimsby
 Man Utd v Wigan or Bury
 Southend v **Millwall**
 Middlesbrough v **Chelsea**
 Crewe v Marine
Wycombe or West Brom v **W Ham**
 Exeter or Swansea v Oxford
 Hartlepool v **Crystal Palace**
 Gillingham or Colchester v
 Huddersfield
 Sheff Utd v Burnley or
 Shrewsbury
 Aston Villa v Bristol Rovers
 Cambridge v Sheff Wed
 Bath or Northampton v
 Rotherham
 Derby v Stockport
QPR v Swindon
 Leeds v **Charlton**
 Leicester v Barnsley
Watford v Wolves
 Yeovil or Hereford v **Arsenal**
 Luton v Bristol City
 Norwich v Coventry
 Oldham v Tranmere
 Newcastle v Port Vale
Wimbledon v Everton
 Man City v Reading
 Brighton or **Woking** v
 Portsmouth
 Blackburn v Cheltenham or
 Bournemouth
 Ipswich v Plymouth or
 Peterborough
 Notts County v Sunderland
 Bolton v Liverpool
 VS Rugby or **Marlow** v
Tottenham

● Ties on January 2, 3 and 4