

Bible on the Blues

A LOT has happened at Wycombe Wanderers in the last three years.

The arrival of former Nottingham Forest and Northern Ireland star Martin O'Neill as manager, the departure from the sloping Loakes Park to the impressive Adams Park and, of course, FA Trophy success.

That's not to mention the heartbreak of missing out on promotion on goal difference despite amassing a Conference record of 94 points, alongside successful rivals Colchester.

This season, Blues have stormed to the top of the Conference and are everyone's favourites for promotion to the



New book makes Blues boss see red

WYCOMBE Wanderers boss Martin O'Neill has revealed he is unhappy with a new book released on the club.

Freelance sports writer Pete Lansley's book, *Out of the Blue*, concentrates on the club's fortunes since its move to Adams Park in 1990.

Sources suggest a chapter, mainly dealing with defender Andy Kerr being placed on the transfer list at the start of the season, has upset the Blues manager.

Wycombe players will, however, be at W.H. Smith in High Street, High Wycombe, tomorrow morning to promote the book.

Turn to pages four and five for *The Star's* review.

● The Blues have been drawn away to Morecambe in the Second Round of the FA Trophy, a game that will kick off at 2pm on Saturday, January 30.

Stephen Deal reviews Pete Lansley's new book about Wycombe Wanderers - *Out of the Blue*.

Football League.

Reading the above, you realise Wycombe are no ordinary non-league club. And with home crowds regularly topping 4,000 - not to mention the usual 1,000 following away from home - they have plenty of admirers.

Pete Lansley has followed the Blues all the way since O'Neill's arrival. A sports writer with our sister paper, the Bucks Free Press, until 1992 and now a freelancer, he knows as much as anyone about the club.

That is why his book, *Out of the Blue*, is such a delight to read. The most refreshing thing about this 116 page book is that, not being directly involved with the club, the author doesn't steer clear of the controversial issues.

There is always the danger that a book like this can become a rather dull tribute to the club, ignoring the meaty issues that may not always be what the bigwigs want the public to know about.

Pete tells the readers about the row that led to the return to Barnet of one of the most talented players to put on the famous blue shirt - Nicky Evans.

Then there's the topsy-turvy saga involving defender Andy Kerr and his spell at Premier League Wimbledon at the start of this season.



The glorious FA Trophy success in 1991 and the heartbreak of being pipped to promotion are recalled in blow by blow detail.

There are some memorable pictures too, although there could have been more.

If you visit Adams Park for every home game, and this book wasn't in your Christmas stocking, then I recommend you buy it.

It may not appeal to the wider football fan, but if you're a Blues fanatic, it is a must.

It will cost you £9.99 and is available from local book shops.

