

Hazel's quick reply for Slough

HONOURS were even in the Buckinghamshire derby last night, but one point was of little use to Slough Town, in second place in the GM Vauxhall Conference. Their neighbours, Wycombe Wanderers, lead the league by six points with three games in hand, and need just four points from their remaining eight games to take the title.

Wycombe have shown signs of vulnerability in recent weeks, but none of the chasing pack have been able to find a run of form to close the gap. Wanderers arrived for this derby on a high, though, having won 4-0 at Sutton United last weekend to reach the final of the FA Trophy at Wembley next month.

For Slough, the objective was

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Slough Town 1
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simple. They may have had no realistic hope of stealing the title, but they were desperate to gain revenge for last month's tense 1-0 defeat at Wycombe.

It was the away side, however, who made the early running. They created four good chances in the first 15 minutes. Slough were nowhere to be seen as an attacking force until the closing stages of the first half, but they stepped up the pace after the break.

However, it needed a moment of inspiration to break the dead-

lock, and Tim Langford provided it with a fine solo goal in the 70th minute, shaking off Russell Edwards before cutting in from the right and beating Trevor Bunting with a firm, low shot. Within five minutes Slough were level when Ian Hazel collected a loose ball in mid-field and thrashed a fierce shot past Paul Hyde from 25 yards.

Wycombe are at home against Runcorn, their opponents in the Trophy final, tomorrow and Altrincham on Saturday — the champagne is on ice.

Slough Town: Bunting; Lee, Pluckrose, Briley, Edwards, Anderson, Stanley, Hazel, Sayer, Friel (McKinnon, 74), Fiore. Substitute not used: Quamina.

Wycombe Wanderers: Hyde; Cousins, Cooper, Crossley, Vircavs, Thompson, Carroll, Langford, Ryan, Scott, Guppy. Substitutes not used: West, Hutchinson.

Referee: G Poll (Berkhamsted).

Wycombe stalled by Hazel strike

By a Special Correspondent

WYCOMBE Wanderers' title celebrations were stalled until tomorrow night after they were held 1-1 at second-placed Slough Town last night in the GM Vauxhall Conference.

A victory at home against Runcorn tomorrow will bring Wycombe the championship, barring a goal deluge against them and in favour of Slough in each of their remaining games.

Wycombe looked on their way, in front of 4,500 spectators, when Tim Langford scored his first goal since joining from Telford. But Ian Hazel equalised in the 75th minute with a 35-yard volley.

A superb goal eight minutes from time by substitute Jovan Kirovski helped holders Manchester United through to the FA Youth Cup final at Millwall's expense.

This United team, whom Alex Ferguson rates so highly that he is considering offering the entire squad professional contracts, had surprisingly been beaten 2-1 by Millwall in last week's first leg at Old Trafford. But last night they responded to win 2-0 and 3-2 on aggregate.

Once Nicky Butt, the England youth international, had brought them level on aggregate with a fiercely driven 60th-minute goal, United always looked likely to win.

Millwall paid for squandering two excellent opportunities at the start of the second half.

GM VAUXHALL CONFERENCE

Altrincham ... (0) 1	Macclesfield ... (0) 0
Raymond 60	1,012
Bath (0) 0	Yeovil (0) 0
	1,331
Bromsgrove .. (0) 2	Kidderminster .. (1) 2
Whitehouse 60,	Grainger 36,
Gray 81	Forsyth 65 (pen)
	3,185
Dagenham (1) 1	Welling U (0) 0
Nuttell 14	1,288
Northwich (1) 1	Witton (2) 3
Butler 12	Burke 10 34,
	Alford 57
	1,971
Runcorn (0) 0	Stafford (1) 2
	Burr 22,
	Simpson 49
	595
Stalybridge .. (1) 2	Gateshead (0) 1
Anderson 35,	Lamb 80
Power 47	558
Telford (1) 5	Merthyr (0) 0
Niblett 9,	703
Beaumont 58,	
Bignot 64, Francis	
65 90	
Woking (1) 4	Farnborough (1) 1
Manning 21 (og),	Wigmore 7
Fleming 46 (pen),	2,471
Nugent 59,	
Clement 72	

	HOME					AWAY				
	P	W	D	L	F A	P	W	D	L	F A
Wycombe	35	12	5	1	41	12	8	5	4	32
Dagenham	39	9	5	5	45	26	9	5	6	26
Slough	38	12	2	5	36	24	6	8	5	20
Yeovil	38	11	5	3	35	19	5	6	8	15
Bromsgrove	38	8	7	5	34	22	7	6	5	24
Stafford	37	5	6	6	17	19	11	4	5	32
Woking	40	8	2	10	28	32	8	6	6	28
Northwich	39	5	5	10	23	28	11	2	6	41
Stalybridge	38	7	8	3	24	24	6	7	7	22
Telford	38	9	5	6	29	21	5	5	8	22
Bath	36	8	6	4	26	21	5	5	8	20
Kidderminster	39	7	5	7	19	26	4	11	5	32
Merthyr	36	3	8	6	20	30	10	1	8	25
Kettering	37	10	5	5	35	26	2	6	9	22
Gateshead	37	7	6	5	19	17	5	3	11	24
Altrincham	37	6	6	7	17	22	5	6	7	19
Farnborough	37	8	4	7	32	31	3	5	10	29
Macclesfield	37	6	8	4	21	17	4	3	12	16
Runcorn	36	8	2	9	27	29	3	6	8	18
Welling U	39	6	6	7	29	35	4	5	11	23
Witton	33	4	7	6	27	29	4	7	5	22
Boston U	38	4	6	8	20	28	4	7	9	26