

Wycombe line up top games

WANDERERS will host pre-season friendlies against Chelsea, Swindon Town and Portsmouth.

Wycombe responded to Chelsea chairman Ken Bates' throwing down of a friendly gauntlet by arranging a match between the two clubs at Adams Park on Tuesday, August 3 (ko 7.45pm).

Bates, of Grange Farm, Beaconsfield, said he would ask Blues for a match after they earned promotion to the Football League.

Glenn Hoddle's Swindon Town may have joined still-presently-managerless Chelsea in the Premier League by the time they play Wycombe on Saturday, July 31 (ko 3pm).

They take on Leicester City in the Division One play-off final on Monday to decide who goes up.

Blues striker Mark West receives his testimonial when Wanderers entertain Division One club Portsmouth, managed by FA Cup Final ticket-rapped Jim Smith, on Saturday, August 7 (ko 3pm).

All three illustrious visitors are expected to bring their first teams.

There is no reduction on admission, which is £6 to stand (£3.50 concessions) and £8 to sit.

Beeks awaits contract talks

THE identities of Blues players who will go full-time will not be revealed for another ten days, said Wanderers chairman Ivor Beeks this week.

Beeks was due to meet Martin O'Neill today for an update on the Wycombe manager's negotiations with his players, which took place during the squad's week-long holiday in Rhodes.

They returned in the early hours of yesterday morning. But with O'Neill set to go on a family holiday at the weekend and Beeks about to embark on a week's vacation, the chairman said it was unlikely that players' contract talks would be resolved until the pair of them are back at base.

"I doubt if we are in a position to confirm the number of, and who the players are for another ten days," said Beeks.