

# Chelsea pull out of friendly

CHELSEA'S new boss Glenn Hoddle has withdrawn his side from their pre-season friendly against Wycombe Wanderers after unsuccessfully trying to rearrange the date.

Blues will now entertain Barnet at Adams Park on Tuesday, August 3 after being unable to accommodate Hoddle's request for Chelsea's game to take place the day after.

He wanted his players to have enough time to recover from the three-day Makita international tournament being staged at White

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Hart Lane from July 31 to August 1.

Wycombe could not change the date as the club have organised a charity golf day at Beaconsfield Golf Club for Wednesday, August 4.

Wanderers secretary John Goldsworthy spoke to Hoddle on Monday. "I can understand his situation. It is one of those things where we were both sorry they could not make it," said Goldsworthy.

He added that he was confident

Barnet would be able to fulfil their friendly fixture, despite teetering on the brink of collapse with £1.3 million of debts.

Blues have announced pre-season friendlies against Worthing, Leek Town, Hednesford Town, and Aylesbury. The full home and away programme is listed below.

**Saturday, July 24:** Worthing (away) ko 3pm; **Monday, July 26:** Leek Town (away) ko 7.30pm; **Tuesday, July 27:** Hednesford Town (away) ko 7.30pm; **Thursday, July 29:** Aylesbury United (away) ko 7.30pm; **Saturday, July 31:** Swindon (home) ko 3pm; **Tuesday, August 3:** Barnet (home) ko 7.45pm; **Saturday, August 7:** Portsmouth (home) ko 3pm

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## Goal change

**THE Union Baptist Church has scored again with its footballing sense of humour.**

Readers may recall how the congregation in Easton Street, High Wycombe, put up a sign saying: "The ultimate goal. Is it the FA Trophy ... or heaven ... or both?"

Wycombe Wanderers, of course, reached their soccer paradise in early May by winning the trophy.

Now the church has put "One down, one to go" over their sign.

● A sign that puzzled me is the one at the old DMI factory site currently being demolished in London Road, High Wycombe, which says: "Bungee jumping - £10 a go."