

CARLISLE ARE BLUES' OPENERS

Wycombe fans face 600-mile haul

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● WANDERERS are hoping to double the income generated from season ticket sales last year.

The club sold around £90,000 worth of season tickets for 1992/93 but this year's figure could be double that.

They have already sold about £150,000 worth so far, with ticket sales to continue until the first home League game of the season on August 21.

"It is a terrific tribute to the achievement of both players and manager last season," Mark Austin, Blues' sales and marketing manager, told Midweek.

"It shows there are tremendous expectations for the coming season."

Up to last Friday they had sold 1,106 terrace tickets, compared to about 511 last year.

Sales of Leagueline members' tickets, seats, and vice presidents (sold out), were respectively 515, 432, 120.

These compare with last year's approximate figures of 400, 300, and 106.

The current upsurge in demand for season tickets could give Blues a base crowd of between 2,500-3,000.

AN epic journey to Carlisle awaits Wycombe Wanderers when they make an historic Football League debut on August 14.

The Football League's fixtures' department has given Blues a tough start to their Division Three campaign, with a 600-mile round trip to Brunton Park.

But Wycombe's central defender Andy Kerr believes it will be a day to savour for the Blue Army.

"It's a milestone in the club's history. It would have been nice to have a home game to start off with. But the players will be keyed up for it," he said.

The match will be a baptism of fire for Blues' faithful travelling support.

"God knows how they're going to get there," said Wycombe keeper Paul Hyde. "It's a long way, but it will be a day to remember," he added.

Wycombe's first league game at Adams Park is against Chester City on Saturday, August 21.

But their first home match of the season may be the opening round of the Coca Cola Cup on Wednesday, August 18.

The draw will be made this week.

Blues will clock up further mileage in August with trips to Wigan and Hereford, before returning to base to entertain Gillingham at the beginning of September.