

Blues face uphill debut at Carlisle

THE devout Blue Army will have an immediate introduction to the rigours of away travel in Division Three with three lengthy journeys in Wanderers' first month in the Football League.

A 600-mile round trek to Carlisle for an historic debut is followed by away games at Wigan Athletic and Hereford United during August.

But September will have three out of four League games taking place at Adams Park.

"Usually we would like to ensure that as many teams as possible get a home start," said a League spokesman this week.

"But this is not possible in every case. All the home and away fixtures balance out eventually," he added.

The average mileage for the season is set to increase by about 50 miles from 120 to 170.

"All these games will be a new experience for us," said Wycombe keeper Paul Hyde this week.

"But I would prefer trips like Carlisle now, rather than in the winter," he added.

Defender Andy Kerr said the players would be keyed

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up for Carlisle. "It's a milestone for us, one to tell your grandchildren about."

Blues' first home game could be the Coca Cola Cup first round. The draw has been postponed from today, but is set to take place before July 20

● THE friendly fixture against crisis-club Barnet at Adams Park on Tuesday, August 3, is set to be rearranged today with the Bees demise now almost certain, pending the Football League's decision at an extraordinary general meeting in two weeks' time.

● WANDERERS are launching a set of videos and a single at Adams Park next Friday, July 9, starting at 6pm, to commemorate their double season.

Beam Us Up Scotty (£14.99), covers highlights of Wycombe's league, FA Cup, and FA Trophy campaigns.

Double Glory (£14.99) is a round-by-round account of the FA Trophy.

The Blues Go Marching On (£2.99) is a cassette single featuring three songs recorded at Abbey Road.



Wanderers' fans can look forward to extensive League travel

Redgrave starts brightly

ROWING

STEVE Redgrave and Matthew Pinsent won their opening race in the Silver Goblets by three lengths at the Henley Royal Regatta.

They beat an Irish coxless pair in their first race in this competition yesterday, underlining they will be a force to be reckoned with.

At the barrier Redgrave, who lives in Marlow Bottom, and Pinsent were timed at 1.58 seconds,

clocked 3.38sec at Fawley, and recorded a winning time of 7min 46sec.

Redgrave and Pinsent will now take part in today's quarter finals and hopefully go on to tomorrow's semis, and Sunday's final.

● **Henley Regatta picture: Page 23**

Wanderers cash in on season ticket bonanza

WYCOMBE are on course 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 the Bucks Free Press.

"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 League 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.