

Wanderers waltz to victory

WANDERERS cantered to victory in Saturday's pre-season friendly at Worthing.

The result, a mirror-image of last year's friendly fixture against the Diadora League Division One side managed by Martin O'Neill's former Northern Ireland team-mate Gerry Armstrong, was more of a limbering up of rusty limbs than a strenuous stretching exercise.

Blues' sufficient goal glut was kicked off by Steve Thompson and Steve Guppy in the first half, and wrapped up by Mark West (2),

Worthing 2, Wycombe 8 CLAIRE NASH reports from Woodside Road

Dave Carroll, Ty Gooden and Tim Langford in the second.

Barnet striker Tony Lynch looked impressively strong alongside Keith Scott during the first half.

Portsmouth YTS trainee BJ Green (centre half), and Ian Wilmott (left back), from Clevedon, were two more new faces bidding to impress manager O'Neill, and the watching 200-

strong Wanderers contingent.

Blues were given a soft start when Worthing's Steve Riley neatly slotted past his own keeper Garry Penhaligon.

But Riley made amends by equalising on 19 minutes.

Darren Robson had a penalty saved by Blues keeper Paul Hyde and Fraser Quirk scored a consolation goal in the dying moments.

Wycombe (first half): Hyde, Ryan, Cooper, Kerr, Crossley, Hutchinson, Hayretin, Lynch, Thompson, Scott, Guppy. Sub unused: Stapleton
Wycombe (second half): Moussaddik, Cousins, Wilmott, Vircavs, BJ Green, Carroll, Stapleton, D. Greene, West, Langford, Gooden. Sub unused: Guppy

THE AFFAIRS of Worthing Football Club are to be looked into by the FA, writes Richard Amey.

Lancaster Gate have instructed the Sussex County FA to inspect the Woodside Road administration of their floatation as a limited company.

'A matter has been brought to our attention by letter,' explained FA accountant Mike Appleby.

'We will be looking into the procedure of Worthing's share issue but I'm not prepared to say any more until we hear the outcome.'

Letter

'We'd like some questions answered. If we feel further investigation is required, then we'll do so.'

Worthing chairman Beau Reynolds says he has asked the FA for a copy of the letter they received.

'They are looking into our accounts for the past two years,' he said. 'But we want them to go back five years.'

'We've been battling the past two years to put things right but for the FA to appreciate what we've done we feel they

ought to see the previous three years.'

'I've got no qualms about the way our books have been kept. Our treasurer Martin Cook will get three stars at the end of this for what he has done.'

'The limited company is all legal. It's just that it's not trading yet. That's what has puzzled them.'

Vice-chairman Ray Smith added, 'We're happy about it. It's something that's normally done. They can see how efficiently things are now being done by the club.'

Rebels were hammered 8-2 at home on

Saturday by the former team of non-league football Wycombe Wanderers, the FA Trophy and Conference League winners.

It was the same score as in last year's friendly.

In the first half, Steve Riley's spectacular own goal and then his header at the other end made it 1-1 within the opening 15 minutes.

Wycombe were 3-1 up at half-time, Darren Robson having had a Worthing penalty saved at the foot of a post by Paul Hyde.

Wycombe then fielded a fresh XI for the second half whereas Worthing

made fewer changes. On-trial Navy striker Fraser Quirk hit a late Rebels consolation.

Worthing's friendly against Littlehampton on Tuesday was cancelled, to avoid cutting up a soaked pitch. Newhaven visit Rebels for a friendly on Tuesday (7.30pm).

● **DARREN FREEMAN** has told the Herald, on his departure from Woodside Road to Newbury, he wishes it known that Worthing did not stand in the way of his move and he is grateful to the club and the fans for the way he has been treated.

Former Blues boss sparks England glory

FORMER Wycombe Wanderers manager Ted Powell has led England's under-18 footballers to their first European Championship win since 1980.

Powell played for Wycombe under Brian Lee in the early 1970s, and managed Blues himself for a year in 1976-77.

FOOTBALL

The former schoolteacher moved on to manage Sutton, before spending six years in Africa coaching Malawi.

He took charge of the U18 side last November and his much-praised approach has guided the teenagers to en-

couraging success on the England international scene.

They beat Turkey 1-0 in Sunday's final, thanks to a penalty scored by Darren Caskey, of Tottenham Hotspur.

'Ted has done wonderfully well. I was very pleased for him when he took over,' said Wanderers' secretary John Goldsworthy.