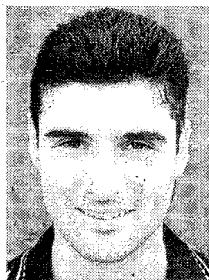


CAPTAIN'S LOG

By
**JASON
COUSINS**



The Bucks Free Press introduces a new weekly column by Wycombe skipper Jason Cousins, who will give his views on his team's trials and tribulations during their debut League season

OUR results so far have given us a lot of confidence and have lessened the pressure on us.

We found that the pace of the game in the Football League was quicker than what we were used to, but even when playing away, I believe we have been forcing the pace of the games ourselves.

The only pressure has come when we have gone in front, and try to hold on to it. We are working on trying to close games down.

I think we have coped well with the loss of key players such as Steve Thompson, Duncan Horton, Simon Stapleton and now David Titterton.

And the players that have come in — Terry Evans and Tony Hemmings — have fitted in quickly.

Although we remain unbeaten and are in a good position, it is still very early days. The teams to watch will be Rochdale, Crewe, Preston and Doncaster.

But if we keep getting good results we won't need to keep looking out for them.

Now we play Colchester tomorrow in a game we have been looking forward to after what happened two seasons ago.

The memory of their flukey goal here and the game where they romped home after a fortunate first goal at Layer Road, only serves to gee myself, and the other lads who were there, up.

They have got some wind-up merchants, but we will let our football do the talking.

We have achieved what they achieved, and I believe we are the better side.

Our success against Leyton Orient in the Coca-Cola Cup games were great results for us.

And now we have two games against Coventry. We will be intent on keeping our pride intact.

Jason Cousins was talking to Claire Nash

Police mount special soccer match patrol

A SPECIAL police unit will patrol the streets of High Wycombe tomorrow before and after the potentially explosive Division Three match between Wycombe Wanderers and Colchester United.

The Thames Valley force is taking no chances because of a history of crowd trouble when the two clubs have played.

A support unit of 22 officers will police the town centre and streets close to Adams Park.

Inspector Angela Wilson explained: "There will be more police than normal on duty mainly because of the number of people expected to attend and because

historically we have had public order problems with Colchester."

A GM Vauxhall Conference game between the two sides in 1991 was marred when a group of Colchester fans invaded one of the home side's terraces and fought a pitched battle with fans.

Hooligans also invaded the pitch at Colchester's Layer Road and tried to force their way past stewards and police to get at Wycombe fans.

The ill feeling between the two sets of fans started at the old Loakes Park ground in 1986, when Wycombe fans attacked the away fans before an FA Cup game.