

Wanderers pull out stops to protect pitch

BLUES have spent £3,000 on protecting Adams Park's pitch from rain and frost.

Showers and night-time frosts were anticipated between yesterday and tomorrow morning.

But the pitch was covered yesterday and suction drying machines used to dry off moisture.

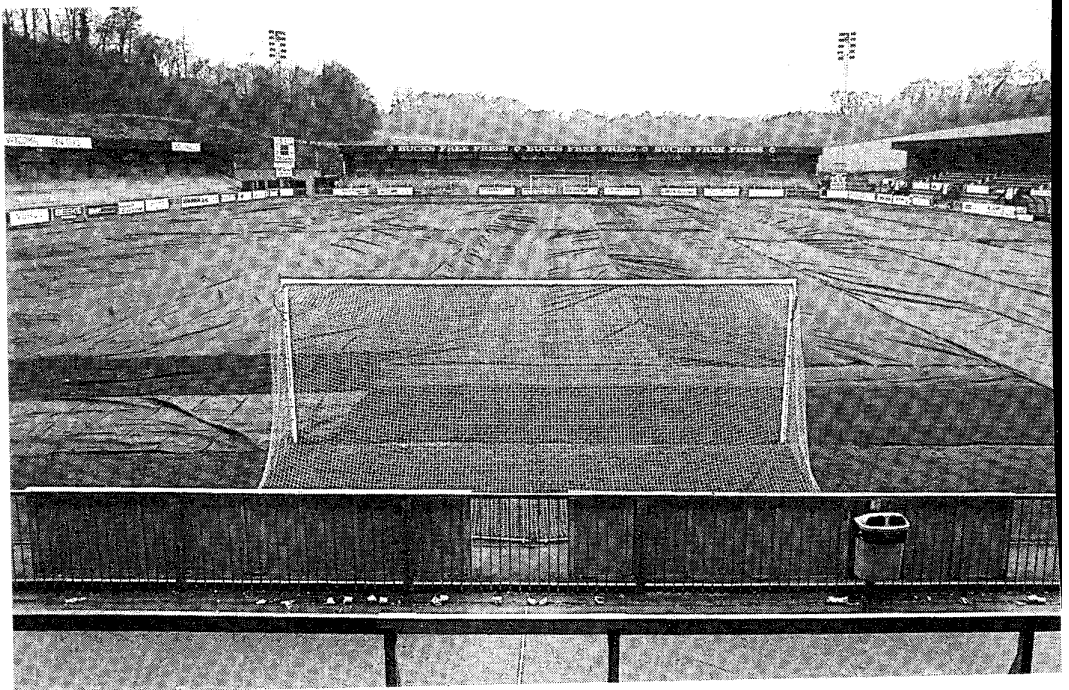
It suffered on Monday when the Wycombe-Hereford game was played on a soggy surface.

"There's no guarantee it will save the pitch completely if there is heavy rainfall and/or a frost, but this gives us a better chance," said Wanderers' marketing manager Mark Austin.

If the match is postponed, it will take place this Tuesday (ko 7.45pm). A replay would be on Wednesday, January 19.

Operation dry-pitch has another link with Wycombe's cup campaign. The drying equipment comes from Norwich, the covers from Bristol and the pitch was laid by a Cambridge company.

● THE youth team's FA Youth Cup third-round match at Millwall was postponed on Wednesday because of poor weather.



Cover-up: Special black covers are protecting the Adams Park pitch to help avoid postponement