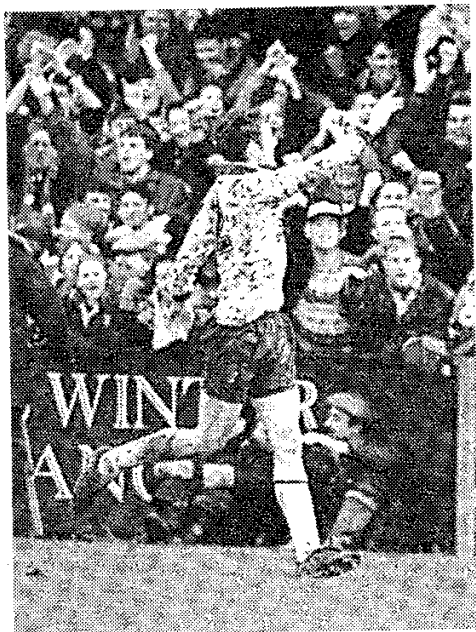


Star striker underlines his class



Thanks for coming: Sutton accepts the crowd's appreciation for one of his goals

AND so it came to pass that Wycombe fell victim to Chris Sutton's unerring accuracy.

The best defences in the country have already been tormented by the England Under-21 international, who has now scored nine goals in his last ten games and 15 altogether this season.

Although it may not have seemed pleasurable at the time, the Adams Park faithful were witness to the dynamism of one of the game's hottest young properties. Full England honours are not far off the horizon.

He was the man the huge press corps wanted to talk to after Saturday's match and displayed admirable composure when he was hemmed into a corner by brandished notebooks and radio mikes.

The target of Inter Milan's interest after two strong performances against them in the UEFA Cup, is now at the centre of speculation over whether former Norwich manager Mike Walker will try to move him to Everton.

Sutton's loyalty to John Deehan was foremost in his comments on Saturday.

But amid those, he praised Wycombe's performance which upset Norwich's rhythm a tad more than the Canaries expected.



John Deehan: Supported

"Wycombe are a good side. They are doing well in Division Three. It was not an easy pitch to play on.

"Everybody battled well. We deserved to get a result. We should have got a second goal and when it came it was a killer blow for them," said the striker.

Goalkeeper Bryan Gunn joined the chorus of praise for Wycombe's man between the sticks Paul Hyde.

"We feel we put on a good performance and could have had a few more goals. Paul Hyde did exceptionally well," said the Scotland international.

Midfielder Ian Crook said: "I think we played well to be honest. We proved we could have a battle. A few people were questioning the heart of the side."

Sweeper Ian Culverhouse, who with Gunn put up airtight resistance late on, said: "They were always playing football. They were a bit more direct than I thought they would be. The pitch didn't really help, but they are a good side — very good."

Winger Ruel Fox said: "It was a hard game. The pitch was very soft — it took a lot out of your legs."