

Wanderers have Wembley whiff

WYCOMBE once more have the whiff of Wembley firmly entrenched on their senses as spring approaches.

If they beat Swansea in the two-leg regional final it will be the third time in four years that they have played a final there.

They have the advantage of playing the Second Division club at home in the regional final second leg.

The first leg is on Tuesday, March 1 (ko 7.30pm). The second leg, which will decide who plays the northern regional winners, is on Tuesday, March 22 (ko 7.45pm).

Wycombe revelled in their moment of glory at Craven Cottage on Tuesday.

The players were given a half-time roasting by manager Martin O'Neill.

He said: "We were pretty putrid in the first half. Terry Evans got a nasty injury. Horton felt a pain and Crossley needed stitches. It did not look good for us.

"But this forced people to take more responsibility."

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The manager did not single out players for praise, except for his description of Jason Cousins' penalty which sealed Blues' victory.

"I would have staked my life on Cousins scoring that penalty," he said.

Paul Hyde saved two penalties in the shoot-out. "I don't mind facing penalties because you are not supposed to save them. I would rather face a penalty than a corner," said the keeper afterwards.

Meanwhile, it's back to the League for Wycombe tomorrow, after an involuntary two-week break due to the Darlington match postponement.

Tim Langford staked his claims to a starting place at Mansfield by coming off the substitutes' bench at Fulham to score a brace. He later scored a penalty to take this season's goal tally to 15.

"I was disappointed not to be starting the match," he said, "I hope it's made it hard for the gaffer to leave



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me out."

Transfer-listed Andy Kerr gave a dominant performance when he replaced Terry Evans in central defence just before half time on Tuesday. He is set to start tomorrow's game.

Steve Brown is likely to make his first appearance for Wycombe.

Triallist, and former Fulham star, Mark Cooper is set to join his father Terry, the former England and Leeds full back at Exeter.