

The push for points

Wanderers' promotion race heats up

THE Easter weekend is set to cast a more decisive glow over the promotion race at the top of Division Three.

Wycombe are looking for 15 points from their last eight matches. Manager Martin O'Neill believes 77 points will clinch automatic promotion.

It is widely thought Wanderers hold an advantage over their rivals with five of their remaining fixtures at home and three away. But O'Neill believes: "To get up automatically will be a very hard task for us."

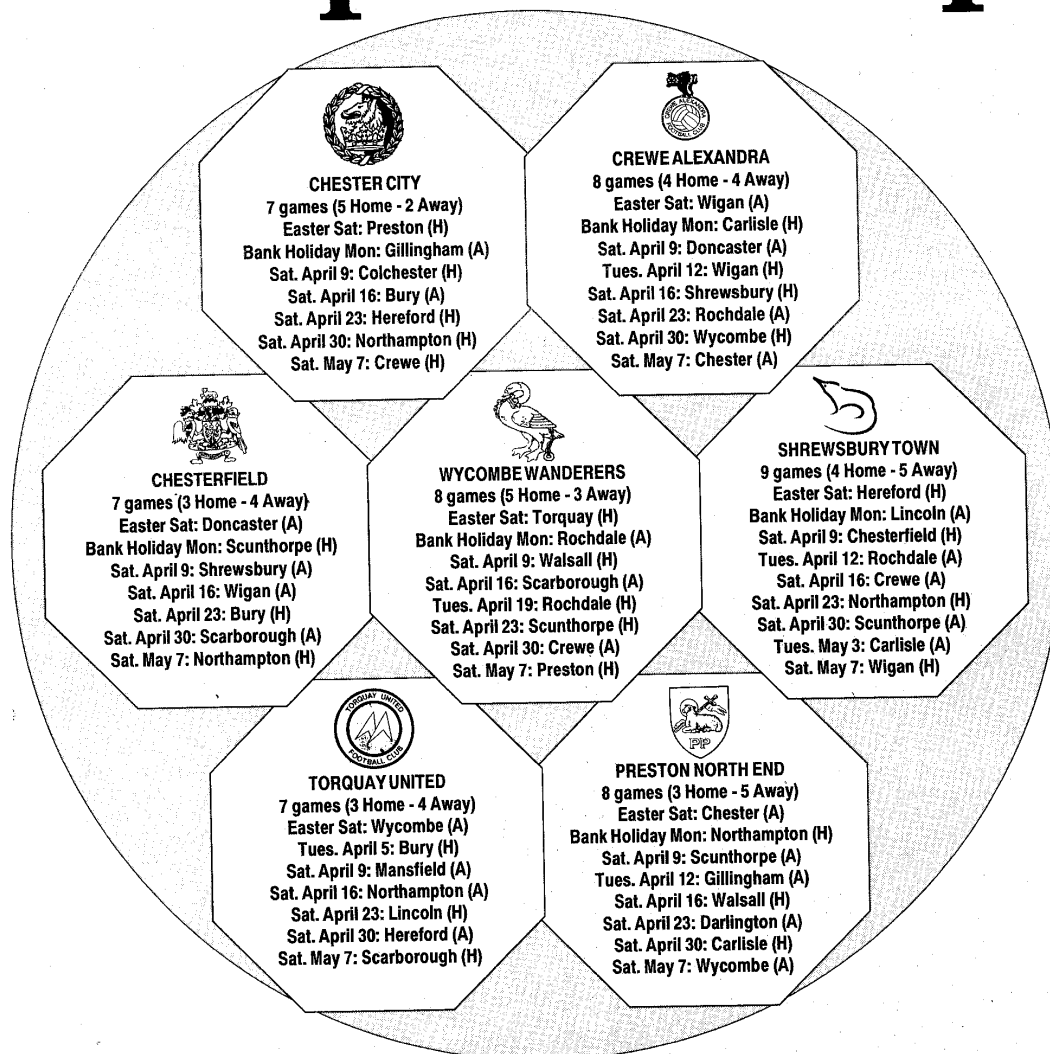
Shrewsbury are the only top-seven side with nine games left. Crewe and Preston have eight. Chester, Torquay and Chesterfield have seven.

Preston will spend most of this month on their travels with five away matches, and just three at home – the exact opposite of Wycombe's scenario.

Mouthwatering clashes between the big guns will provide nail-biting finales. Blues play Crewe (away) and Preston (home) back-to-back at the end of the season. Chester entertain Crewe on the same day.

Niggly relegation-threatened sides, however, could cause upsets on the way.

But Glyn Creaser says: "The ball's in our court. It's all about what we do. We just have to keep plugging on."



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