

IT was not the best of weeks for Wycombe, with just one point earned from two of their last five games.

And with in-form Scunthorpe, promotion rivals Crewe and play off certainties Preston the last three opponents, Wycombe's chances of claiming one of the three automatic promotion places really are in the balance.

Shrewsbury look certain champions, and we can assume Chester will not let their strong position slip.

So the third place really is a battle between Wycombe and Crewe, who of course meet in an all ticket clash next Saturday, April 30.

This Saturday, Wycombe entertain Scunthorpe who, like Rochdale, have high hopes of sneaking a play-off place.

They are just two points adrift of seventh placed Doncaster and, until last Saturday, had put together a more than useful run.

Crewe, meanwhile, will not find it easy going this weekend - they travel to Rochdale.

Division Three round-up



CLARKE: Back for Shrews

SHREWSBURY will win promotion to the Second Division if they beat relegation-haunted **NORTHAMPTON** today.

Manager Fred Davies has done his calculations and insists three points will be enough to see his side go up.

"Wycombe still have to play Crewe at the top so if we win today we're up," insists Davies.

Shrewsbury welcome back striker Wayne Clarke, but Northampton have their own reasons to tame the Shrews.

Last weekend's defeat against Torquay has plunged them into the relegation zone.

Northampton manager John Barnwell will give a late fitness test to Phil Chard while he welcomes back Cameroon Efon Elad.

DARLINGTON boss Alan Mur-

ray prepares his men for today's clash against **PRESTON** predicting: "We will stay up."

At the top of the table, second placed **CHESTER** report a clean bill of health as they face **HEREFORD**, knowing six points from their next two games will guarantee promotion.

Third-placed **WYCOMBE** entertain form-team **SCUNTHORPE** with midfielder Steve Thompson insisting: "We won't bottle it."

Debut

Scunthorpe goalkeeper Mike Heath makes his League debut, coming in for Mark Samways who is suspended.

Veteran striker Ian Juryeff returns to the squad after injury and could replace Sammy Goodacre.

TORQUAY welcome back defenders Darren Moore and Tom Kelly to their squad for the clash against

LINCOLN. **ROCHDALE** still harbour hopes of a play-off spot as they face fourth-placed **CREWE**. Centre half Alan Reeves returns from suspension for the Dale.

BURY add Michael Jackson and Ryan Cross to their squad against **CHESTERFIELD**.

WALSALL striker Dean Peer is backing his side to make the play-offs as they prepare to face **COLCHESTER**. He said: "We'd love a trip to Wembley."

DONCASTER are unbeaten in their last six games as they entertain **SCARBOROUGH**.

MANSFIELD need three points from their trip to **GILLINGHAM** to maintain their slender hopes of sneaking into the play-offs.

CARLISLE striker Rod Thomas faces a late fitness test on an injured hamstring before the clash with **WIGAN**.