

## O'Neill marvels at stalwart's progress

TERRY Evans's road to recovery continues apace.

But it is unlikely that Martin O'Neill will risk the inspirational Wanderers team captain before the end of Blues' extended season. This is contrary to a report printed in another newspaper which said both the Wanderers boss and Evans had not ruled out a return at Carlisle last Sunday. It did not contain qualifying comments from either O'Neill or the central defender.

The Wycombe manager said this week: "Terry would declare himself fit for Bosnia if he could. He is obviously keen to get going again. "It would be remarkable if our season does extend to the play-off final on May 28 with Terry involved in it."

The manager added: "He has already made remarkably good progress. He is doing light training and straight running. But he has not played any matches."

Evans's season was curtailed prematurely during the Autoglass Trophy quarter final at Fulham in February when he ruptured knee ligaments, which subsequently required surgery.

The popular defender is hopeful of making a return as soon as possible, the play-offs presenting an earlier than expected opportunity.

He has already been told by a specialist that he should be back for the start of next season.

## Tickets available from today

**TICKETS** for the Division Three play-off final at Wembley go on sale today.

Seat prices are £13, £15, £17, £19, £22, and £24. Olympic Gallery tickets are £30 and £32. The family enclosure (Lower North Stand) seats cost: adults £17 and £19. Children under 16, accompanied by an adult and senior citizens are half price.

Wanderers' ticket office and cornerflag clubshop are open from today 9am-9pm; Saturday 10am-4pm, Sunday 10am-2pm, next Monday-Friday 9.30am-5pm.

Payments can be made by cash, cheque, visa and access. The credit card hotline is (0494) 441118, open today 9.30am-8.30pm, and between

next Monday and Friday 9.30am-5pm.

Other outlets are: Wanderers At Town, open Monday to Saturday 9am-5.30pm (payments by cash and cheque only) in the Octagon Shopping Centre and WH Smith, High Street, open Monday to Saturday in normal opening hours.

## O'Neill steps in to stop Carlisle troublemakers

MARTIN O'Neill attempted to take matters into his own hands when two troublemakers invaded the pitch on Wednesday.

The hooligans halted proceedings for five minutes – during which they paraded their v-signs as they wandered around uninterrupted – until they were arrested.

The Wycombe boss told them to get off and went to usher them away while two police officers looked on.

But Blues chairman Ivor Beeks said: "I must admit, first of all, I wondered why the police had not got hold of the individuals and taken them off. But when we talked about it afterwards, we did think the tack they used was

excellent. If they had gone out there sooner, we would have had a bigger problem."

Wanderers pay up to £4,000 a game for police costs. A spokesman said: "The worst situation is for loads of policemen to be running around to chase these lads. They were villains and there was a danger of making them look to be heroes."

Carlisle chairman Michael Knighton condemned the fans, but said they had nothing to do with his club.

"They are not Carlisle United fans. They are vermin," he said, after confirming that they were the same troublemakers who caused a disturbance in Sunday's first leg at Brunton Park.