

Wanderers chase third promotion

WYCOMBE Wanderers have been one of the most successful clubs in the country in the past couple of years.

Indeed, this season they are aiming to achieve a third successive promotion.

Champions of the GM Vauxhall Conference the season before last, manager Martin O'Neill steered the Adams Park outfit to promotion through the play-offs in their first season at Football League level.

And Wycombe went perilously close to a second Wembley appearance, losing in the semi-finals to Swansea City in the Autoglass Trophy.

O'Neill has been in charge for four and a half years and intends to maintain the club's winning ways.

And he moved smartly last week to attract national attention by signing highly-experienced striker Cyrille Regis from Wolves on a free transfer.

Regis scored his first goal for the club in the midweek 2-1 Coca-Cola Cup defeat at the hands of Brighton at the Goldstone Ground and will be a key figure for Town to watch this afternoon.

Neil Warnock's defence will also have to be on guard against another veteran in ex-Blackburn Rovers stalwart Simon Garner.

It was Garner who got Wycombe's season off to a flying start with a goal after only two minutes in the 3-0 victory against Cambridge United at Adams Park a week ago.

The other goals were scored by former Northwich forward Tony Hemmings and defender Jason Cousins and, in fact, Wycombe have no fewer than 10 former Conference players in their first-team squad.