
O'Neill stays on transfer prowl

MARTIN O'Neill hopes to snap up a Christmas bargain on the transfer market early next week to boost Wycombe Wanderers' squad for the busy holiday programme.

The Blues manager said yesterday: "We are still on the prow. We are hoping the signing will be one of two people.

"Because of the hectic Christmas programme, we would like to get a few in. But we are not different to any other club in that regard."

O'Neill confirmed striker Cyrille Regis will miss tonight's Division Two game at Cambridge United (ko 7.45pm), having aggravated a troublesome thigh injury.

But the manager refused to specify what type of new player he believes Wycombe need most.

O'Neill's last plunge into the transfer market backfired on Saturday when Gary

Patterson, bought from Shrewsbury for £40,000, was sent off in his first match, Wycombe's 2-1 win over Huddersfield.

But the Blues boss insisted Patterson will repay the outlay, pointing out: "He is a strong competitor and can play in a number of positions."

Patterson, like most prospective new faces, is FA Cup-tied and will miss Wycombe's third-round tie against West Ham.

Regardless of the outcome of that fixture and Marlow's tie against Swindon Town, the FA Cup will be coming to Buckinghamshire.

Sponsors Littlewoods are bringing the trophy to Marlow tomorrow. Peter Foley's club will be presented, before their home league game, with their £10,000 cheque as giant-killers of the first round, for beating Division Two leaders Oxford United.