

'I'm happy to be here,' says McGavin

STEVE McGavin, one of Wycombe's arch-enemies from their non-League past, is determined to help in their hour of need in the make-or-break Football League present.

The 25-year-old former Colchester United striker, signed for a record £140,000 fee from Birmingham on Monday, was unlucky not to score on his debut at Brentford on Tuesday.

But McGavin, left out in the cold by Barry Fry at Birmingham, is happy to grasp the responsibility to help get Blues' push for a play-off place back on track.

"I've always admired Wycombe from afar. When I was

at Colchester we enjoyed coming to Adams Park and envied the set-up they have here," said the forward.

"I know the Wycombe fans know me from the games I've played against the club over the years.

"But what's gone before is in the past and now I just want to do well for them and the club. I'm a Wycombe player and will be giving 110 per cent."

McGavin is looking forward to making his home debut tomorrow, saying: "I've not played regular first-team football for some while. It'll take a little while to adjust, but hopefully I can get off the mark on Saturday."

He's confident Wycombe can

make the play-offs, remarking that Tuesday's 0-0 draw at the then top-of-the-table Brentford is the start of something good.

"Wycombe are good enough to get into the play-offs. Hopefully this draw is the beginning of a run for us."

Dave Carroll, who returned to action at Brentford after one match out with a thigh injury, believes things are on the up again after an uninspiring last six weeks.

"It got to the stage where we couldn't afford to lose. I think it hit us that the season could be over in a week. There was a bit more team spirit which pulled us all together," said the winger after Tuesday's draw.

He added: "To go without success this season would be a huge blow. The lads are determined to see it through to the bitter end for that not to happen."

Matt Crossley, who marked his return after being dropped with a lionhearted display in the centre of Blues' defence, said: "We've only got to win three games on the trot then we'd be back to third or fourth in the League."

■ Every child aged 15 and under will be allowed in for a £1 to the Crewe match.

No restrictions apply in terms of being accompanied by an adult. The scheme is being run in conjunction with the Football League's Season of the Family.

Wycombe play promotion rivals in Fives

THE draw has been made for the Evening Standard Five-A-Sides competition which Wycombe Wanderers won last season at Wembley Arena.

Blues gave themselves the biggest boost possible for the Division Three play-off final when they saw off a host of Premiership clubs at the glitzy

FOOTBALL

Wembley Fives. They will play Division Two rivals Brentford in this year's first round.

Tickets are now on sale from Blues' commercial office for the tournament on Monday, May 15. They cost

£12, £15, £20 and £22. The club's section is said to provide a better view than last year's.

The rest of the first-round draw is as follows: West Ham v Queens Park Rangers, Charlton Athletic v Chelsea, Arsenal v Barnet, Luton Town v Watford, Fulham v Millwall, Wimbledon v Tottenham Hotspur, Crystal Palace v Leyton Orient.