

Summer surgery relieves niggles

Blues tackle huge injury list

THE extent to which Wycombe's players soldiered on in the latter part of last season is underlined by the amount of operations many are currently undergoing.

Blues captain Terry Evans will have surgery to remedy a shoulder injury which was suffered in January's FA Cup match against West Ham.

Fellow central defender Matt Crossley was also in the wars. He has had an exploratory operation on his right knee which was damaged in early February.

Similarly, striker Tony Hemmings has had surgery on his left knee.

Midfielder Gary Patterson underwent a back operation to correct a slipped disc which troubled him since arriving from Shrewsbury Town in February.

Simon Hutchinson is recovering from his second hernia operation in a year. Injury has now destroyed his last two seasons.

Simon Stapleton is set to have his knee treated at the Lilleshall National Sports Centre's rehabilitation unit.

Jason Soloman, meanwhile, is currently having treatment for an Achilles tendon injury.

On the recovery front, Keith Ryan is enduring a mountain bike regime to get back to fitness after surgery on a knee ligament problem. He suffered his season-destroying injury during a Berks and Bucks game against Chalfont St Peter in January.

Ryan is about to begin a running programme. Wycombe physiotherapist Dave Jones believes the midfielder should be back in business in three months' time.

