

Blues history book on sale soon

FOOTBALL: Wycombe Wanderers will soon be releasing a history book which covers the football club from their first recognised match in 1887 to the end of last season.

The hardback book, which will be 256 pages long, will include sections detailing match statistics and final league tables for every season from 1896.

It will also list attendances where known, every team line-up from the 1963 to 1995/96 season and details on all the major cup competitions including the FA Cup, FA Amateur Cup and the Berks and Bucks Senior Cup.

There will be an abbreviated Who's Who section, with lists of every player from 1963, and additional information on players who have appeared in the Football League.

Additional chapters will include features on the matchday programmes over the years, personalities associated with the club, Loakes Park and memorable matches.

The book will cost £16.95. For advanced paid orders, subscribers will have their name printed in the book at no extra cost.

For further information, contact Tim Arnold or Tom Cook on (01494) 472100.

■ Wycombe have swapped their last pre-season friendly against Birmingham with the testimonial fixture at Slough.

Blues now play Trevor Francis's side on Tuesday, July 30 (ko 7.45pm) and Slough on Tuesday, August 13 (ko 7.45pm).

■ Construction work on Wycombe's new 5,000-seater two-tier Woodlands Stand is now a third complete.

Linpave Construction Limited, who have been employed by the club to build the £2 million stand, are on schedule to finish it before the start of next season.

Garns's goodbye

FOOTBALL: Wycombe Wanderers striker Simon Garner bid farewell to Blues fans this week after being given a free transfer.

The 36-year-old former Blackburn Rovers striker, who still holds the Premiership club's goalscoring record, said: "I have had two great years at this club.

"I just want to thank the fans. They have taken me to their hearts and that's been very much appreciated."

Garner, more commonly known as 'Super Si' or 'Garns', was one of six players released by Alan Smith.

The forward said he was surprised to be given a free transfer, although he had spent two months on loan at Division Three strugglers Torquay during the second half of last season.

"It came as a bit of a shock. But hopefully I will find something for next year," he said.

■ Wycombe Wanderers are publishing a book on the club's history spanning from 1887 to the present day.

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Song written to cheer embattled Blues' boss

Re: Song to cheer up Wycombe Wanderers' manager Alan Smith

Sung to the tune of Memories from the musical Cats:

Alan, please don't cry in your cornflakes,
All is not lost yet,
We are raring to go
Roll on next season
We'll be champions again
'cause Alan we love you
And all of your men!

There have been problems
Yes there have been hardships
But we're standing beside you
And we're ready to fight
Come next season
Opposition will fade into dust
We are the Wanderers
We give you our trust.

Jessica Watts and Katie Summers
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Hughenden Valley