

NO DERBY WINDFALLS FOR BLUES

THE fixture list computer has robbed Wycombe Wanderers of the best possible bumper attendances for next season's derby matches at Adams Park.

Blues, who will have a new £2 million 5,000 all-seater stand in use by the start of next term, are looking forward to healthy crowds for matches against Watford, Luton and Millwall after all three were relegated from Division One last season.

But apart from playing Luton, albeit away, on the Saturday after Christmas, the Nationwide Football League

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fixtures list sees the other biggies sprinkled in hum-drum fashion throughout the Division Two calendar, which was released yesterday.

Wanderers are at home to Walsall on Boxing Day, while over the Easter holiday weekend they entertain Shrewsbury and travel to Bury. Alan Smith's side begin their 1996/97 campaign at Shrewsbury Town on August 17.

Wycombe's first league encounter is swiftly followed by a trip to near-neighbours Reading for the Coca-Cola

Cup first round on August 20.

Blues' first home game gives them an early opportunity to gain revenge over Gillingham who knocked them out of the FA Cup first round last season.

Although Wycombe's display was at best woeful in that replayed game at the Priestfield Stadium, Gillingham were a formidable outfit to earn automatic promotion last term.

■ Blues fans will get the chance to meet all of the Wycombe first team squad and management at an open day at Adams Park on Sunday, August 4.