

Sacked Kemp gets revenge as Lions beat Blues

DAVID KEMP, sacked by Wanderers alongside Alan Smith last year, got some revenge as his new club Millwall beat Wycombe 2-1 at the New Den last Saturday.

Kemp, now assistant at Millwall, saw his new club sneak up to third in the table with a dreadful performance which was as poor as any side has put up against Wanderers all season.

Wycombe dominated but lost because of a John Cheesewright howler, some sloppy marking and Miquel Desouza's failure to convert two golden chances.

Wanderers manager John Gregory moaned: "Millwall were rubbish. They were there for the taking. We outplayed them from start to finish and to lose is a mega disappointment. If Millwall had drawn I think they would have been fortunate but they've taken all three points.

"We were beaten because we made two bad errors and we didn't take our chances at the other end.

"I think we are just one or two players away from being a very good side."

Gregory is hoping to bring at least two new players in before the transfer deadline on March 27. The need for a striker seems the most pressing. Blues badly missed Paul Read, absent with a groin strain.

Although Dave Farrell and Desouza were willing workers



Toe to toe: Michael Simpson gets his tackle in at Millwall

Wanderers are now in a position where they cannot afford to miss good chances.

Wycombe's injury problems worsened when they lost Steve McGavin with a calf injury after 25 minutes. He was replaced by John Cornforth, who was thrown into the fray after just 35 minutes of reserve football this year, and despite misplacing more passes than he was happy with, Cornforth came through alright.

Wanderers dominated the

opening 15 minutes and silenced the passionate Millwall crowd.

In the second minute Mickey Bell crossed low to the near post but Millwall keeper Tim Carter got to it just before Desouza.

Desouza should have given Wycombe a 12th minute lead. Mickey Bell's free kick went over everyone in the area and landed at a nice height for the striker, who with bags of time, sliced his volley wide.

It was a bad miss and one that

Millwall punished with a lot of help from Blues' keeper Cheesewright.

Diving to his right he inexplicably missed Lucas Neill's low right wing cross and left an open goal for Steve Crawford. Crawford's shot was about to go over the line when Paul Hartley, who looked offside, tapped it in.

Wanderers levelled before half time as Mick Forsyth bravely came through the bodies to head Dave Carroll's corner past the keeper and two defenders on the line.

From then on Wycombe looked good for a win. Mickey Simpson was denied by Carter and Desouza should have done better with a header from Carroll's cross.

But as Wycombe pushed forward Millwall broke away again through Lucas Neill. Paul McCarthy committed and left a hole in the middle and Neill's cross picked out Tony Dolby who made the most of slack marking to head home.

Two minutes from time Desouza should have salvaged a point as he raced into the box but with players in the middle and the whole goal to aim at Desouza had the blinkers on and wasted the chance firing into the side netting.

Millwall: Carter, Neill, Berry, Newman, McLeary, Witter, Hartley, Doyle, Crawford (Roche 16), Cadette, Dolby. Subs not used: Webber, Bircham.

Wycombe: Cheesewright, Cousins, Bell, McCarthy, Evans, Forsyth, Carroll, Desouza, Farrell, McGavin (Cornforth 25). Simpson. Subs not used: Harkin, Kavanagh.

Attendance: 7,539