

WANDERERS ROUND UP

Fan's pretty packet

VICE President Vince Lynch was £500 better off after Tuesday's goal bonanza. He put £5 on the Blues to win 5-0 at odds of 100-0.

He said: "They've been playing well recently and I thought they were due to thrash someone. I was sweating a bit in the last eight minutes when the crowd were singing we want six - and I thought no we don't."

Mr Lynch then sent £50 of his winnings to John Gregory top put in the club's children's charity kitty.

Mr Lynch said: "I'm going for 6-0 on Saturday."

● QPR manager Stewart Houston was among the crowd watching Wanderers 5-0 destruction of Burnley on Tuesday night.

Also running their eyes over the 22 players on show were Reading management duo Mick Gooding and Jimmy Quinn.

● Former Wanderers favourite Simon Garner was substituted for safety reasons five minutes before he was due to make the half time draw in the Burnley match.

Garns, who still holds the goal-scoring record for Burnley's deadliest rivals Blackburn, was given the red card by groundstaff who were worried that a Garns appearance might send Burnley's 772 travelling who had seen four goals go in against their side over the top.

● Wanderers record League goal spree in midweek was even more surprising because it came at the end of a season in which Wanderers almost entered the record books as the most impotent team in the club's 109-year history.

If Wanderers had not beaten Plymouth 2-1 in November they would have become the only Wanderers team to go six consecutive matches without a goal.

Manager John Gregory said after Tuesday's 5-0 triumph: "I'm chuffed to be taking Wycombe into the record books for something positive. It sent a chill up my back when the fourth and fifth goals went in to see everyone out of their seats."

● Gregory has kept 100 per cent



Keith Scott: One of the heroes of the Blues midweek win which put them in the record books

focussed on the job in hand. He has not had an alcoholic drink since the season started.

He said: "From July I haven't touched a drop. I don't during the season. I need a clear head. But I'm looking forward to a glass of something when it's all over."

● WWISC are holding a quiz night next Thursday at the Trades and Social Club, High Wycombe. Teams of six are welcome to enter on the night. The fun starts at 7.30pm.

The club is also running coaches to Stockport next Saturday. To book ring (01494) 524341.

● Chairman Ivor Beeks has praised manager John Gregory's brave decision to drop his out-of-form big signings recently.

John Cornforth, who Gregory

labelled the Messiah when he bought him for £50,000 from Birmingham, and Michael Simpson, £50,000 from Notts County, have lost their first team places recently after a dip in form.

Beeks said: "A lot of managers feel they have to stick with the players they have bought but John is not like that. If he feels he has got someone playing better he'll play him."

Gregory said: "I pick my best team. There is no room for sentiment. I bought Cornforth and Simpson but the fact is we have got two people who are playing better than them at the moment. The players know if they are playing well they stay in the side."

● Richard Hill's reserves beat Rushden and Diamonds 1-0 away

in the Capital League on Wednesday. Andrew Baird's right boot supplied the all-important finish.

● Illness is affecting Wanderers end of season chances. Jason Kavanagh had food poisoning at Notts County and Steve McGavin played against Burnley even though he was suffering with a bug. He missed training on Thursday but is expected to recover for tomorrow's match. Paul Read has also gone down with a bug.

● Tributes have been rolling in for former Wanderers boss Martin O'Neill who won the Coca Cola Cup with Leicester on Wednesday.

Gregory said: "If anyone deserved to win it Martin did. He started at the bottom and worked his way up to the top."