

Blues sign a kit deal Avec friends

Home and away shirts set to change

WANDERERS have signed a four-year kit deal with manufacturers Avec – and the Bucks Free Press will have exclusive pictures of the new home and away shirts next Friday.

The deal will be officially launched on Monday when Avec are sponsoring the matchball.

The BFP can reveal that the home strip features a quartered design and a return to matching sky blue shorts and socks. The new away kit will be golden yellow with matching shorts and socks.

Both kits will last for two years and will be on show before the home Blackpool match on May 1 and go on sale exclusively from Wanderers in Town on June 1.

The current deal with Mizuno expires at the end of the season.

Blues sales and marketing manager Mark Austin said: "Signing with Avec is very good news for Wycombe Wanderers. What is particularly pleasing is that Avec independently approached Wycombe Wanderers as they wanted to sign us believing in our huge untapped potential. This four year deal offers all fans quality and security."

● Wanderers have been allocated 1,000 tickets for the all-ticket clash at Manchester City on April 24.

The match is expected to be a 32,000 sellout. Tickets for the Maine Road clash which is vital to Blues' hopes of staying in Division Two go on sale in the ticket office before Monday's game against Gillingham priced at £9 adults and £6 concessions.

The ticket office opens at 10am and will close at 3pm and then open again for a short while after the game.

● Secretary Ian Moat is hoping to set a record Wanderers reserve crowd when the club will turn their Avon Combination clash against Arsenal on April 26 into a Family Fun Night.

Free tickets have been sent out to every school in the county and adults will be charged just £1 for the occasion which will see Blues expand their current musical background theme.

For this match only they will extend their current policy of playing a bugle every time Wanderers win a corner to playing music every time the ball goes out of play.

There will also be free gifts for the fans as well as free face painting and a bouncy castle for kids.

Moat said: "The emphasis is on fun. I'm hoping for a crowd of four or five thousand."



Head master: Jamie Bates heads it further than others kick it according to the boss

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● The new edition of the Tales of a Chairboy fanzine goes on sale before the Gillingham game.

● Marlow youngster Danny Senda made his Wanderers debut when he came on as substitute in last Saturday's win over Oldham.

The ex-England youth player, who was once on Southampton's books, began this season in Gary Goodchild's youth team.

Sanchez said: "He did well when he came on and showed some nice touches. He'll be playing next year."

● Sanchez was delighted with the way new signing Jamie Bates forged an instant partnership with Paul McCarthy at the heart of the Blues

defence last week.

Sanchez signed 31-year-old Bates on the recommendation of his right hand man Terry Evans who was a team-mate of Bates' at Brentford.

Sanchez said: "Him and Macca looked really solid. They're a nonsense pair who can head the ball as far as others kick it. Oldham only had one chance."

● Blues will play Maidenhead in the Berks and Bucks Cup final at Chesham on May 3 after the holders beat Windsor in their semi-final.

● Paul Read returned to training this week while midfielder Mo Harkin can look forward to a summer

of rehabilitation at Lilleshall.

But physio Terry Evans says there has been a bright side for Harkin who has missed almost the entire season.

Evans said: "It's helped him build up his upper body strength and it's been character building for him."

Meanwhile, Gary Wraight is recovering after having stitches inserted in a leg wound sustained in a reserve match.

Evans said: "He had a couple of stitches but it was no more than a love bite really."

● Jermaine McSporran was the reserves scorer in a 3-1 defeat at Oxford on Tuesday.