

Wanderers and Oxford move for Sky

FOOTBALL

WYCOMBE Wanderers' home match against Oxford United in September will be shown live on Sky Television.

It will now take place on Friday September 8 (ko 7.45pm) instead of Saturday, September 9.

The deal will net the Blues £30,000 and Oxford, as the visitors, will receive £10,000.

But Blues can expect to earn much more than the initial Sky fee, through advertising and other commercial projects.

Secretary Keith Allen said: "We're delighted. We were promised a Sky game this year and we've got it."

It will be the first ever league match to be shown live on Sky at Adams Park, although Rupert Murdoch's cameras were there for an FA Cup match against Barnet in 1996 and also followed them to Brentford's Griffin Park for a second division match four years ago.

So far the Oxford United derby is the only fixture that Wanderers have moved, although their home game against Notts County on October 7 also looks set to shuffle to a new date because it clashes with England's World Cup qualifier against Germany at Wembley Stadium on the same afternoon.

Allen said: "We won't be playing on that day. I can't imagine that anyone will be playing on that afternoon."

Meanwhile, unlike last season, Wanderers have decided not to change their Bank Holiday fixtures to give their players an extra day's rest.

Luton Town's visit on the August Bank Holiday, August 28, should provide a bumper crowd as should the New Year's Day home clash against Millwall.

Meanwhile, Wanderers will have to wait until July 24 to discover their Worthington Cup opponents as the draw for the two-legged first round is being held later than usual this year.

But it seems that Wanderers can pack them in at Adams Park even if there is no football to watch.

More than 3,500 children from 18 Church of England Schools in Bucks were bused into Adams Park last week for a Songs of Praise style service to celebrate Jesus Christ's 2000th birthday.

And, on Thursday, another 3,000 children from the area's Roman Catholic schools will also be celebrating the Millennium with a service at Adams Park.