

United man is invited to stay

MANCHESTER United striker George Clegg will be offered the chance to stay on at Adams Park.

The Old Trafford reserve has struggled to make an impact since his loan move to Bucks last month but boss Lawrie Sanchez wants to extend it.

He said: "I will talk to him before the Wigan game. He hasn't played as many games as he would have liked but I would like to keep him. We need as many bodies as possible."

Clegg scored seven goals in five reserve matches for Sir Alex Ferguson's second string but he has failed to repeat that form at Wycombe.

He began against Reading, Stoke and Leicester but has been benched for the rest of his loan which must be renewed or cancelled by April 2.

● Danny Senda returned to action in the reserves' 3-0 defeat at Barnet on Monday and now has his sights set on snatching a place in the semi-final squad.

The 19-year-old striker has made a speedy return since damaging his ankle ligaments in a training ground accident in February.

Pat Lynott went closest for Wycombe with a 17th minute shot which the keeper saved. But Barnet won with three second half goals after being given a helping hand by Roger Johnson, who conceded a penalty to set them on their way.

● Sanchez says Jamie Bates is lucky he did not rule himself out of the FA Cup semi-final with his x-rated lunge at Walsall's hat-trick hero Pedro Matias.

Bates escaped with just a booking when Sanchez was expecting the red card to be shown.

He then substituted Bates to prevent him being sent off and picking up a ban which would have ruled him out next week.

Sanchez said: "He could have got sent off. I had my heart in my mouth. It was a poor challenge and it could've cost him his place in the semi-final."

● Mo Harkin picked up two more Northern Ireland U21 caps this week but lost 2-0 both times.

The Wycombe midfielder started against the Czech Republic in Ballymena and then came on as a substitute against Bulgaria in Vratsa on Tuesday.

● Boss Sanchez has expressed his disappointment at Swansea's refusal to change the date of Wanderers' visit to the Vetch Field.

Wanderers had asked the Swans to move the match to Wednesday, April 11, to give them an extra day's rest after Sunday's FA Cup semi-final but the Welshmen refused and have insisted it must take place on Tuesday, April 10.

● Sanchez reckons his team have received more publicity for reaching the semis than his Wimbledon team had when they got to the final in 1988.

He said: "The quantity and quality of the press we've had probably surpasses what we had in '88. We said before the season lets make it a memorable season lets get promoted. It's going to be a memorable season no matter what now."

● Tony Cotte became the first player to appear in all four divisions in the same season when he came on as a substitute for Millwall against Wycombe on Tuesday.

His Lions debut completed a full house for the 35-year-old striker who started the season with Leicester before moving to Norwich and then taking up the post of player-manager at Barnet.

● ServisPak, who sponsor Wanderers School of Excellence, are offering two people the chance to join them as VIP guests for the FA Cup semi-final.

ServisPak will also be decorating their Birmingham site adjacent to Villa Park in Wanderers colours and handing out 10,000 light and dark blue balloons before the match.

To have a chance of joining them at the match just send your business card to be entered in the lucky draw to: FA Cup competition, ServisPak Ltd, Beadle Trading Estate, Hithercroft Road, Wallingford, Oxon OX10 9RF.

● CHILTERN Railways are putting on extra trains to take fans to Birmingham for the FA Cup semi-final.

Special trains, which must be booked before 8pm on Wednesday, April 4, will operate between High Wycombe and Birmingham's Snow Hill Station in addition to the normal Sunday service.

Snow Hill is a short walk from Birmingham New Street from where there are frequent Central Train services to Aston.

The specials depart at: 10.02am, arriving at 11.40am; 10.56am, arriving at 12.30pm; 11.36am arriving at 1.15pm; 11.56am, arriving at 1.35pm; or 12.56pm arriving at 2.35pm.

There will also be a frequent service back to Wycombe after the match and you don't need to book your return seat in advance.

The special trains will cost the same as the normal service and can be booked daily between 7am and 8pm on 08705 185165.

Supporters are advised to book a return right through to Aston at £18.20 (adults) which is the same price as a return to Birmingham Snow Hill.

● Villa Park bus travel can be booked at the club before tomorrow's game.

'This cup run is crap' say stars

WANDERERS stars blasted their cup run as "crap" as they slumped to a 5-1 league defeat at Walsall on Saturday.

Some blamed their run to the semi-finals for their disappointing league form which has seen them go from play-off contenders to mid-table also rans.

Chris Vinnicombe said: "There's no doubt it has affected our league form and I'd swap it for a play-off place."

Boss Lawrie Sanchez said: "After the Walsall game a few players were saying this cup run is crap, it's getting in the way of our league form. And it has. But at the end of the day, they will look back on this season and remember what a golden season it was. They won't remember where they finished in the league, what they'll remember is that they went to Aston Villa to play Liverpool and beat them to get to the final."

Cup ticket sale

THE last 3,000 FA Cup tickets go on sale at 5pm at Adams Park after tomorrow's match against Wigan.

Fans with any ticket stub or proof of purchase from any home game prior to Saturday, March 10 can buy one ticket.

Also any existing season ticket and Leagueline members may purchase a further allocation of two tickets on production of Voucher E or their membership card.

Anyone not fitting into any of the above categories should contact the Commercial Office for advice as to the possibility of purchasing tickets.

HOW THEY STAND

Teams	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
Rotherham	38	13	4	3	43	22	9	4	5	25	24	74
Millwall	38	12	2	4	36	11	10	5	5	34	25	73
Reading	37	13	3	3	47	19	8	4	6	21	21	70
Walsall	38	13	4	3	46	20	6	5	7	21	23	66
Wigan	39	11	8	0	25	11	4	9	7	19	22	62
Stoke	38	9	5	5	28	18	7	8	4	31	23	61
Bristol City	38	10	5	5	42	25	6	6	6	19	22	59
Notts Co	37	8	5	5	31	25	7	5	7	18	27	55
N'thamptn	38	8	6	4	24	20	6	5	9	19	27	53
Bury	39	10	5	5	24	19	5	3	11	15	28	53
B'mernth	37	7	6	5	27	18	6	6	7	32	28	51
Wrexham	36	8	4	7	26	24	6	4	7	28	33	50
Oldham	39	10	4	6	32	23	2	7	10	15	33	47
Brentford	36	7	7	3	25	23	4	7	8	16	28	47
Wycombe	36	8	4	7	21	19	4	6	7	14	22	46
Port Vale	34	7	7	4	30	16	5	2	9	11	22	45
Colchester	37	7	4	8	22	19	5	5	8	19	27	45
Peterboro	37	9	5	4	28	22	2	7	10	17	32	45
Cambridge	38	7	5	7	27	22	5	3	11	23	39	44
Swindon	38	5	7	8	26	31	6	4	8	12	21	44
Bristol R	34	2	9	4	12	16	6	5	8	23	23	38
Luton	35	5	2	9	19	27	4	6	9	23	34	35
Swansea	35	3	7	6	15	16	3	4	12	20	41	29
Oxford	36	4	3	12	19	29	1	1	15	20	50	19