

Youths march on in cup competition

GOALS from Ryan Parsons, Luke Oliver and Billy Harding earned Wanderers' youth team a 3-0 win over Cirencester Town in the FA Youth Cup and a third round tie at Sheffield United.

Cirencester, who knocked out Swansea in the first round, started brightly before Wycombe got on top.

Skipper Johnny Dixon wasted a good chance and Lewis Cook was denied a thumping opener by an unorthodox save before Wanderers, 5-3 conquerors of Canvey Island in round one, opened the scoring in the 17th minute.

Ryan Parsons escaped down the left before lifting a cross-cum-shot over the keeper and in off the far post.

Cirencester, with forward Danny Sollis outstanding, continued to cause Wycombe's under-18 side problems until big centre

half Luke Oliver doubled Blues advantage.

The A level student, who will be offered a one-year scholarship by the Blues when he finishes his studies, made the most of his size to head in Scotsman John Paul Kelly's freekick.

That knocked the stuffing out of the visitors and Mark Philo should have tightened the noose when he robbed Chris Bass but shot wide with just the keeper to beat.

But Wycombe, who finished with three schoolboys in their side, got their third in injury time when Billy Harding, son of former Notts County player Paul, flicked in a Parsons corner.

Boss Gary Goodchild, who leaves the side at Christmas to return to his family in Norway, said: "I'm very pleased for the boys. It was a good performance against a side who had the potential to be a banana skin."