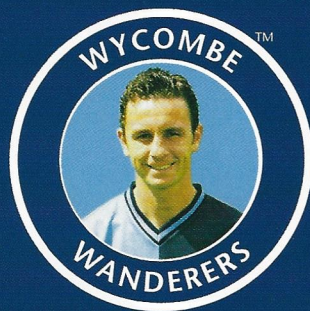


It has been a period of non action as far as the reserve team is concerned. We were scheduled to meet Cheltenham Town at Whaddon Road last Wednesday week but owing to our LDV Vans tie at Brighton the night before it was cancelled. We now have a re-arranged date for the match which will go ahead on Wednesday 3rd April 2002. Kick off 2pm. Hopefully we played our scheduled match with Colchester United here on Wednesday as it would have been a month since the reserves had played. A number of the lads would have played in both the LDV Vans games against Brentford and Brighton but others do need matches. On the games we have played so far in the Avon Combination I have been very pleased with the way it has gone. Just one game stands out as a really poor performance and that was at home to Barnet. Apart from that one game we have played well and maintained a good attitude throughout the team. We have also been lucky on the injury front as both Jermaine McSporran and Jason Cousins have recovered from their knocks during the period we have not had a game. Next Wednesday 14th November we travel to Southend United for a match



RESERVES

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at Roots Hall, kick off 2pm. They are currently just below half way in the table, just one place underneath Colchester the side we played this week. If we can collect six points against these two sides it will keep us nicely placed in the top six.

It has just been confirmed we shall play Aylesbury United at Buckingham Road in the first round of the Berks & Bucks Senior Cup on Tuesday 27th November, kick off 7.45pm. The match scheduled at Loftus Road against Queens Park Rangers will now be re-arranged for another time.



RESERVE FIXTURES

AUG 15 Swindon Town	a	3-1	FEB 6 Leyton Orient	H	2pm
29 Barnet	H	0-2	13 Gillingham	a	2pm
SEPT 4 Oxford United	H	4-0	20 Cardiff City	H	2pm
19 Portsmouth	H	0-3	MAR 6 Bournemouth	H	2pm
26 Brighton & H A	a	1-0	13 Reading	a	2pm
OCT 10 Bristol Rovers	a	2-0	20 Crystal Palace	H	2pm
NOV 7 Colchester Utd	H	2pm	26 Brentford	H	2pm
14 Southend Utd	a	2pm	APR 10 Bristol City	a	2pm
21 Norwich City	H	2pm	Aylesbury Utd	a	B&B
27 Queens Park R	a	2pm	Cheltenham Tn	a	2pm
DEC 5 Northampton Tn	H	2pm	All home games played at Adams Park		
10 Cambridge Utd	a	2pm	Dates and Kick-off times liable to change.		
19 Peterborough U	H	2pm			
JAN 16 Luton Town	a	2pm			
22 Millwall	a	2pm			

DIVISION ONE

(Up to and including 2/11/01)

	P	W	D	L	F	A	G/D	Pts
Portsmouth	8	7	0	1	18	7	11	21
Q.P.R.	8	5	3	0	22	7	15	18
Crystal Palace	8	5	1	2	18	12	6	16
Cardiff	6	4	2	0	14	6	8	14
Millwall	8	3	4	1	15	11	4	13
WANDERERS	6	4	0	2	10	6	4	12
Luton	7	3	2	2	11	8	3	11
Reading	8	3	2	3	11	10	1	11
Oxford	7	3	2	2	7	10	-3	11
Gillingham	5	3	1	1	12	3	9	10
Brentford	7	3	1	3	16	13	3	10
Bristol Rovers	7	3	1	3	7	7	0	10
Leyton Orient	7	3	1	3	15	17	-2	10
Norwich	7	3	1	3	9	12	-3	10
Peterborough	8	3	1	4	10	16	-6	10
Cheltenham	8	3	0	5	7	17	-10	9
Bristol City	5	2	2	1	5	3	2	8
Colchester	7	2	2	3	11	13	-2	8
Southend	6	2	1	3	7	9	-2	7
Northampton	7	1	3	3	7	13	-6	6
Barnet	8	2	0	6	7	17	-10	6
Swindon	8	1	1	6	4	11	-7	4
Brighton	6	0	3	3	4	7	-3	3
Cambridge	6	1	0	5	6	11	-5	3
Bournemouth	5	0	2	3	5	11	-6	2

With the Ladies

Wycombe Wanderers took on Mansfield Road at the Rye eventually running out 6-1 winners. Much of the game however was very even and the close rivalry between the teams was evident right from the start. The Oxford based team have had a disappointing start to the season, but beat Thame 8-2 in their last league fixture and were determined to make up for lost time. Blues started the game quite brightly, but weren't able to create any clear-cut chances before a defensive mix-up gave Mansfield Road a corner that they converted convincingly.

Karyn Atkinson worked hard in midfield with Heather Scutchings and Amanda Quintal, to set up chances for Su Oakley to run at the Oxford defence. In a battling game there were a series of tackles that might have been penalised on another day. Blues back four pushed up quickly to try and leave strikers off-side and clip a ball over for Oakley to pick up. In the end it was a diagonal ball from right back Nic Thorne

perfectly weighted for Oakley to take behind the defence to set up her first goal that brought Wanderers back on terms. Just before half time Blues took the lead with Thorne and Oakley combining well again.

Anna-Marie West came on after the break at left half and had one of her best games for Wycombe. She tackled bravely to win possession for the team and combined well with Oakley, and Paula Benson playing behind her. Before Wanderers scored again Mansfield Road won a free kick wide on the left and had a penalty appeal turned down. Tracy Sturges had a good game in goal, taking a couple of catches at full stretch. Oakley's third goal gave the team some breathing space and as Mansfield Road continued to push forward, there was more space to play and West, Scutchings and Quintal helped create chances for Oakley that resulted in two more goals. Jeunine Bray almost scored after coming on for Sophy Bowden on the right and Louise Plumridge, who joined Oakley up front for

the last 15 minutes forced an own goal as she came in quickly on Oakley's cross from the left.

Forthcoming fixtures: 11th November away @ Rover Oxford, 18th November away @ Chesham United (B&B Women's Cup).

Women's Southern Region

Northern Division

(4th November)

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Wycombe Wanderers	6	6	0	0	44	9	18
Stocklake Ladies & Girls	5	5	0	0	24	1	15
MK Wanderers	6	3	1	2	27	15	10
Luton Town Belles	4	3	0	1	13	5	9
Rover Oxford Reserves	7	3	0	4	22	19	9
Mansfield Road	7	3	0	4	22	24	9
Tring Athletic	6	2	2	2	14	13	8
Thame United	7	2	2	3	21	24	8
Newport Pagnell	7	1	1	5	11	35	4
Holmer Green	7	0	0	7	2	55	0

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