

DEPARTURE TIME FOR BLUES TRIO

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ANOTHER big wind of change has swept through Loakes Park.

Reserve team manager Tim Anning has resigned — only days after leading Blues on their tour of Malta.

And experienced player Steve Perrin has also decided to leave in order to link up with former Wycombe assistant manager Alan Davies.

Davies is now assistant boss at Southern League Hillingdon.

Completing a trio of departures, coloured striker Henry Pacquette has been released — only six months after signing from Slough.

Disappointed

Anning resigned after hearing from manager Paul Bence during the Maltese tour that he was not the man earmarked to lead Wycombe Reserves, if or when their future is assured.

"The new boss wants his own man for the job and I did not figure large in his plans," declared a disappointed Anning who led the Blues second string to the Suburban League title last season.

"He wanted me to stay on in a scouting capacity but I felt I was just being used.

"I've had a successful time at Wycombe and I continued the good work on tour and I'm not willing to step down into a minor role.

"Paul was honest with me as I was with him but obviously I'm disappointed that my achievements have meant nothing.

"My strength was getting players on to the park and letting them express themselves.



HENRY PACQUETTE
... released.

Extensive

"I'm not a card carrying coach and, unfortunately, that seems to be all important these days. I feel coaching is killing the game in this country."

Anning, who had two seasons at Loakes Park, is now on the look out for another job and his extensive knowledge of the local football scene would make him a valuable asset to many clubs in the area.

Manager Bence explained his reasoning on the Anning affair.

"I told Tim I was looking for a player/coach type to run the reserves," explained the new Blues boss.

"I would like a reserve team and I have made this known to the club's officers.

"But I'm not looking for a reserve side to win the Suburban League.

"I want to produce young-



TIM ANNING
... resigned.

sters of 15, 16, 17 and 18 years of age who will be good enough to help Wycombe Wanderers win the Isthmian League title again.

"Quite honestly I did not feel that Tim was knowledgeable enough about the finer points of the game to coach the young kids we hope to attract.

"He is a very nice chap and a good organiser and I wanted to keep him in a youth development role to look for local talent.

Departure

"But he thought it over and decided against it so that's the end of it."

Perrin, a key member of the Wanderers squad in recent seasons, is a major catch for Davies, who was appointed last week.

"I knew Steve was not on contract," commented Davies who should feel at home at Hillingdon having spent five years there as captain and coach.

"I asked him if he would join and was delighted when he said yes."



STEVE PERRIN
... moving on.

Thirty-two-year-old Perrin had two successful seasons at Loakes Park in the mid '70s before signing for Crystal Palace.

He made 48 appearances for the South London club before moving to Plymouth, Portsmouth and Northampton clocking up another 80 games.

After returning to Wycombe in November 1982 Perrin took up a dual role of midfield man and striker.

At Hillingdon he will apparently revert to a full-time striker.

"From what I can gather the defence is quite sound, the midfield needs re-shaping and now we are looking for a good striker to link up with Steve," revealed Davies who left Wycombe last month with brother-in-law Mike Keen.

On hearing the news about Perrin, manager Bence admitted he was disappointed.

"But I only want players who want to play for Wycombe and if Steve feels he needs to move to a club like Hillingdon that's up to

him," added the Blues boss.

Pacquette's departure is purely an economy measure by the Wycombe manager as he seeks to trim the playing staff at Loakes Park in order to attract some new players.

The former Slough striker started his short spell at Wycombe in fine style scoring some exciting goals.

But Pacquette soon lost his

sparkle and never looked like holding down a permanent first team spot.

Meanwhile, Bence has fixed up personal meetings with his playing staff in the next fortnight to sort out any problems before the start of the Centenary season.

The question now remains — are their more departures in the pipeline?