

BENCE'S TRIPLE SWOOP

Goal getters sign up for the Blues



Paul Bence watches as Declan Link signs for the Blues, and below he welcomes Simon Read (left) and Brian Broome to Loakes Park.

WYCOMBE manager Paul Bence has opted for an ambitious attacking approach to his first season at Loakes Park by signing three proven sharpshooters.

After fixing up Farnborough Town midfielder man Briane Broome and Staines striker Simon Read, Bence completed a triple coup by securing Staines other goal-getter Declan Link on Monday.

The three men scored 64 goals between them last season and Bence hopes they will be just as successful in Wanderers centenary year.

"I am delighted to have these lads because I feel they are the right sort of players for Wanderers," said Bence. "They will not only replace the men that have left but in fact make the team that much stronger."

If the Link-Read partnership is as goal hungry at Wycombe as it was at Staines then Loakes Park fans can look forward to some spectacular goals.

The fans are already well aware of Link's firepower after he scored twice in Wanderers surprise home defeat by Staines last season.

Scoring debut

Link, 20, was with Queens Park Rangers juniors for three years, but decided not to pursue a professional career and joined Staines.

He scored on his debut in August 1982 and has found the back of the net consistently ever since. He scored 18 in his first season and rattled in 24 last season.

"Declan is my sort of player. He is robust and strong, doesn't stand on ceremony and gets in where it hurts. He should do well with us," enthused Bence.

Link, a clerk with Barclays Bank, decided to join Wanderers to continue Isthmian Premier Division football after Staines were kicked out of the competition because their ground was considered below standard.



Goal grabber

Broome also grabbed 20 goals last season, coming forward from a central midfield position — with devastating results.

After four seasons with Farnborough Town, Broome said of his new club: "They are the Manchester United or Liverpool of non-league football. It's a great move and I can't wait for the start of the season."

Bence also revealed that striker Colin Tate has agreed terms for the new season.

Whatever happens Wanderers won't be short of potential firepower when the season kicks off in August.

"You can't get much better in non-league football than Wycombe Wanderers so this has to be a move forward for me," explained Link, a direct replacement for Terry Glynn — now with Dartford.

"Simon and I worked well together up front for Staines and I look forward to continuing that partnership at Wycombe."

Read, who scored 20 goals last season, spoke to Slough and another big name club before settling for the Blues.