

BLUES' NEW SCORING DUO

Bence swoops to strengthen first team

WYCOMBE manager Paul Bence has swooped to strengthen his first team squad with an ambitious triple signing.

Bence fixed up Farnborough Town midfielder man Briane Broome and Staines striker Simon Read before the weekend.

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And, to complete a major coup, Declan Link, Read's prolific scoring partner last season, put pen to paper at Loakes Park last night (Monday).

Bence had every reason to be delighted with his first captures.

The Blues did not have to spend a penny in transfer fees as the trio were out of contract with their previous clubs.

"In effect, we have done what Maidstone did to us when signing Mark Hill," admitted Bence.

"But I am delighted to get these lads because they are the right kind of players for Wycombe Wanderers.

"All three are established players with lots of ability and intelligence in the bargain.

"They should not only replace the men who have gone but, in fact, strengthen the team."

Bence will be looking to dynamic duo Read and Link to grab the goals which could make the difference between success and failure in Wycombe's Centenary season.

Read, 23, hit 20 goals for Staines last season and 27 in the previous campaign.

He had been at Staines for six years coming through the junior ranks.

Big name

But with his club thrown out of the Isthmian Premier Division because their ground did not come up to scratch, he felt it was time for a move.



Manager Paul Bence watches as Briane Broome (left) and Simon Read sign on the dotted line.

"I spoke to Slough and another club, but Wycombe are a big name club and it's a great move for me."

Link should be remembered by his new team mates. He scored two goals for Staines last season when Blues suffered a surprising defeat at Loakes Park.

His instinct for goal is highly tuned and Wycombe fans could be in for a treat.

Broome, at 24, is a highly rated commodity who spent three years at Camberley before moving to Farnborough.

Last season, his fourth at Farnborough, he grabbed 20 goals coming forward from a central midfield position — the role he loves to play.

Great move

Broome, married only five weeks ago, was crystal clear about his new club.

"Wycombe are the Manchester United or Liverpool of non-league football as opposed to a Luton," he said after signing.

"It's a great move and I can't wait for the start of the season."

Manager Bence had more good news for Wycombe fans when he revealed that striker Colin Tate had agreed terms for the new season.

With young Roger Moore on the threshold of showing his full potential, there should be plenty of firepower at Loakes Park come August!