

New coach for Reserves

WYCOMBE manager Paul Bence continued to reshape the club this week with two more signings.

Bence appointed Alan Ackerill, boss at Penn & Tylers Green last season, as reserve team coach.

And he went back to his old club Wokingham to capture full back Roger Steer.

Explaining his move for Ackerill, the Blues boss said: "I don't know why I didn't think of Alan sooner. I've known him for seven or eight years and he is a local man with a full FA coaching badge.

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"He also has a lot of experience with local players and ideally suited to this job.

Ackerill was previously involved with Wealdstone, Hendon and Waltham & Hersham. He was also manager of Chalfont St Peter for a spell a few years ago.

The new man, who takes over from Tim Anning, will run the second string side in conjunction with Bence.

Steer, at 27, is an experienced campaigner who spent two years with Bence at Wokingham.

Before that he was on Chelsea's books for six years. He is a useful acquisition to bolster the Blues rearguard after Mark Hill's departure for Maidstone.

Bence has also made a third 'signing' in the shape of goalkeeper Barry Gordine.

Gordine, a sports centre assistant manager, will be used

on a weekly basis by Blues to coach goalkeepers Gary Lester and Trevor Bunting.

Manager Bence is hoping that Gordine's experience with Sheffield United, Oldham and Brentford will rub off on his two men.

Meanwhile, the Wycombe manager denied that defender Anton Vircavs was set to sign for Oxford City.

The Oxford club are reported to be keen on fixing up the tall defender.

But Bence insisted that Vircavs will still be a Blues player when the season gets under way.