

Deadly double-act stay with Blues

SIMON READ and **Declan Link** who form one of the deadliest striking partnerships in Non-league football, are to remain with Wycombe/Wanderers.

The two lethal forwards have taken years off manager **Paul Bence** by agreeing to stay at **Loakes Park** for Blues first season in the Gola League.

Their decision to remain ends weeks of speculation that they might seek higher wages elsewhere.

The formidable combination, who forged their reputation by netting more than 30 League and cup goals each, were a vital cog in the Wanderers machine which finished third in the Isthmian Premier Division last term and won the Hitachi League



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Their breathtaking finishing and ability to score regularly aroused the interests of several clubs.

But both have confirmed to **Bence** they are ready to re-sign for Wycombe together with almost the entire promotion winning team.

"They were important members of the



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team but although they took a long time to think about their decision I was not panicking," claimed **Bence**.

"I would have been extremely disappointed if they had gone elsewhere."

Bence also admitted that he had failed to meet the terms of several players he had hoped to attract to

Loakes Park.

"I have talked to five players so far but in each case I could not meet their personal terms," he explained.

"I still have two or three irons in the fire and I shall continue to look.

"I am quite happy with the present squad. We proved towards the end of last season that we are capable of competing with most teams on a level footing."

Bence is expected to announce soon which reserves will be released and which are to be drawn into next season's main squad.

"I shall make my decision after the first training session," announced the Blues boss.

Wanderers first training session is on Thursday at **Bisham Abbey**.