

Vircavs at the centre of big transfer row

A BITTER transfer wrangle has broken out around Wycombe Wanderers captain Anton Vircavs.

And it could end with Vircavs taking Blues to a tribunal to secure his release, it was claimed this week.

Wycombe, who apparently value the classy big defender at £5,000, have rejected an offer from Gola League Cheltenham Town.

Cheltenham claim that Vircavs, whose contract has expired, has indicated that he wishes to join them.

And this week their manager John Murphy accused Blues of holding Vircavs for ransom.

"I have never experienced such a drawn out procedure," moaned Murphy.

"We have put in an offer. It's certainly not a silly one, although I can't say how much, but Wycombe have turned it down.

"They want £5,000 for a player with only one season's experience in the Gola League.

"And they seem prepared to deprive the player of staying in the Gola League when he clearly wants to.

"We want to reach a compromise and that would clearly be in Wycombe's interest."

Loyalty

Murphy went on to claim that Vircavs, who is on holiday and unavailable for comment this week, is so incensed by the way he is being treated that he won't play for Wycombe again although they can hold on to his registration.

"I have spoken to Vircavs and he feels so strongly about this that he has started the process of calling a tribunal.

"He feels that after the years of loyalty he has given Wycombe that they should not hold him with an unrealistic price on his head.

"It's a restriction of trade and I certainly think Vircavs has a case."

Cheltenham claim that Vircavs has written to Blues telling them that he will not be returning.

And he has certainly not shown his face at pre-season training.

Predictably, Wycombe manager Alan Gane was tight-lipped about the wrangle.

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"Vircavs is still a Wycombe player and this is a matter between the two clubs," he stated.

"That's as far as it goes. There is no bad feeling between the clubs or between Vircavs and Wycombe.

"I will do what is in the best interests of the club and up to now the Cheltenham offer is not good enough."



Anton Vircavs . . . sitting it out and waiting to see where his future lies.