

Neil joins Gane

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TO STAINES!

FORMER Watford left-back Neil Price has joined Alan Gane at Staines in the Vauxhall-Opel Division 1.

The injured full-back, who has missed the last seven games, has struggled to find his form in the GM vauxhall Conference this term.

By Rolf Niven

And with the arrival of Colchester star Sean Norman on loan, there is no room in the squad that manager Peter Suddaby and assistant John Reardon are rebuilding.

Staines boss Alan Gane confirmed the move.

"Neil played for us on Saturday in our 5-4 win over Lewes and did okay. He is not match fit yet but I am glad to get him. There were a few clubs interested in him," said the ex-Wanderers manager.

The 20-year-old Norman had a sparkling debut for Blues at Enfield on Saturday and the Wycombe management are hopeful of keeping him for an extended period.

"He looked very good at Enfield," said assistant John Reardon. "He is on a month's loan and obviously still has hopes of making it with Colchester. But we think he could be with us for a while. We phoned the Colchester manager last week to see if he had any players that he wanted to put on loan which would help us through our difficult patch and he came up with Sean.

"We had real problems with Enfield's Robin Lewis when they beat us at Loakes Park. But on Saturday Sean snuffed him out."

Norman was one of three players who signed for Wanderers at last Thursday night's training session.

Striker Mathew Carmichael and right-back Phil Lovell also made their debuts for Blues on Saturday and the presence of all three certainly lifted spirits according to Reardon.

"They made a real difference and I would like to thank the all the Wycombe supporters who cheered us off at the end of the match. They saw that the players gave their all and that there was a new buzz about the side," he said. "Saturday could be the first step on the ladder of recovery. We have struggled badly since we lost our midfield through injury. But Graham Bressington and Kevin Durham are now back and with the new lads things are beginning to look up," he added.

Long term

Carmichael, who plays for the Army and Combined Services, looks to be a useful signing.

"I saw him play for the Army at Aldershot and we've been trying to track him down for some time. He is an out and out centre-forward, is a good target man and is useful in the air.

"He scored on his debut which is an achievement in itself at this level."

Twenty-two-year-old Carmichael, who is stationed at Woolwich, has played for Salisbury in the Southern League.

"We cannot sign him on contract as he is in the Army but he could well be long term."

The other new face, 19-year-old Lovell, is one of Suddaby's former prodigees at Brighton and is a product of the Brighton youth programme.

"He could also be long term," added Reardon.

Meanwhile both Bressington and Durham could be back in the reckoning for next Saturday's visit of Lincoln City.

Lincoln, relegated from the Fourth Division last season, are many people's tip to win the Conference this term and go straight back up.

Blues hope to arrange a Capital League match against Gillingham next midweek.

"We need a Capital League match to give those players returning from injury the chance to improve their fitness. It will also give us the chance to view the new players," added Reardon.

