

buy Norman for just £ 2,500

WHAT A BARGAIN!



Brian Lee: "Only £10,000 for Graham Bressington."

WYCOMBE Wanderers have signed outstanding left-back Sean Norman from Colchester for an incredible bargain of £ 2,500.

After recent dealings in the transfer market involving crazy figures, Blues manager Peter Suddaby could hardly believe his luck as Norman agreed to a three-year contract on Saturday.

Norman, who came to Wycombe on a month's loan, was due to play his last game for Blues at Weymouth. But when Suddaby learnt of the youngster's incredibly low price tag he moved quickly in with an offer and Colchester accepted.

"Apparently when they released their former manager the board at Colchester got together and put prices on all of the fringe players," explained Suddaby "I must admit I could hardly believe it when they said Sean was only worth £2,500. It is a real bargain.

"He has signed a three year contract with us, including this season, and hopes to move to the area and learn a trade."

Wycombe Wanderers officials, upset that Lincoln revealed they had bought Graham Bressington for 'around £ 20,000', broke their usual silence over such matters to announce that they only received £ 10,000.

Chairman Brian Lee commented: "The actual figure we received from Lincoln was £ 10,000 - not £ 20,000 as reported in the Bucks Free Press and Graham Bressington's actual salary will be £ 250 a week."

The figure released by City and now known to be £ 17,500, however, included a large joining on fee for Bressington.

Meanwhile Lincoln City Reserve keeper Richard Wilson will play for Wycombe in tonight's (Tuesday) Capital League clash with Wimbledon, fuelling speculation that Gary Lester's long reign could soon be over.

Blues manager Peter Suddaby learnt of Wilson, a relative of ex-Arsenal and Scotland star Bob Wilson, during talks with Imps boss Colin Murphy over Graham Bressington.

Suddaby is known to be searching for a new keeper and will give the former Chesterfield youngster a chance to display his talents at Loakes Park this evening.

Talks

"I haven't seen the lad play and really I just want to have a look at him," explained Suddaby whose early Christmas shopping list also includes a new striker and midfielder player.

Suddaby is also involved in talks with an experienced keeper playing in the Finnish First Division who is keen to return to Britain.

All this activity hints that Lester's long love affair with Wycombe could finally drawing to a close.

The 32-year-old who was signed from Chalfont St Peter in December 1979, has made over 450 first team appearances for Wanderers and has been a wonderful ambassador for the club.

Although, as he proved in Saturday's surprise 0-0 draw at Weymouth, he can still produce stunning saves, he is the first to admit his form this season has been suspect.

Also expected to play tonight is Lincoln reserve striker Willie Gamble, a tough player renowned for both his skill and fiery temper.

Suddaby is also talking to two other experienced Conference front men and is anxious to have his entire squad on contract.

"Mark West, Phil Lovell and Alan Myers have all been offered contracts," he said. "I need to have a squad of around 18 all on contract so I can tabs on them all. The danger of having non-contract players is that they can just disappear when they want to."

The Blues boss is still discussing the possible double signing of on-loan Barnet pair Steve Cox and Ian Ferguson although nothing has been settled yet.

The Wycombe chief was understandably delighted with Saturday's 0-0 draw at Weymouth's Wessex stadium.

"Nobody gave us a chance at Weymouth but although we were under a little pressure in patches we had just as many chances as they did," he said. "I always fancied our chances

and quite honestly I couldn't see anything special about Weymouth.

"That result will do the players a world of good and I believe they are slowly coming to terms with life in the Conference. They are finally beginning to believe what John Reardon and myself have been telling them all season - that they can survive in this League.

Present

The single point gleaned from Saturday's draw was an ideal birthday present for assistant John Reardon, although he politely declined to reveal his age. The point keeps Blues sixth from bottom but there is now a slight gap developing between the bottom

three - Bath, Northwich and Wealdstone - and the rest of the strugglers.

But Wanderers, who face Boston United at home on Saturday, cannot afford to let slip too many more points as all the clubs below them have games in hand.

