

Blues sack Abbey over big bust-up

POPULAR right back Steve Abbey has been sacked by Wanderers after a bust-up with new boss Martin O'Neill.

Abbey, who won two player of the month awards last season, said he and O'Neill had a heated exchange at half-time during Tuesday's Capital League tie against Wealdstone.

O'Neill substituted him and later told him not to turn up for training or Saturday's match.

Abbey told Midweek: "Basically, the manager and I had a difference of opinion at half-time which culminated in him telling me not to turn up at the ground on Thursday and Saturday.

"As I am a non-contract player anyway, I took that to mean I should not return to the club."

And he added: "I feel he wanted to make a point and now he has made it. I just felt it was about time maybe we did part company.

"That is not the way I would have handled a senior player if I had been manager. Maybe it was premeditated, maybe that

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was his motivation."

Abbey's name has been placed on the circular of available players to Conference clubs.

He was an ever-present during his time at Loakes Park and was very popular with the fans.

He said: "I am very sad to leave Wycombe especially in the circumstances in which I have left. I had no axe to grind with the club."

Abbey played nearly 100 games for the club. He joined Wycombe from Cheltenham Town in 1988. He made 23 football league appearances for Swindon Town.