

ABBLEY GOES



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Blues' ace Steve Abbley is hunting for a new club

Bust-up at half time

WANDERERS favourite Steve Abbley has parted company with the club following a bust-up with new boss Martin O'Neill.

Abbley, who joined the club in 1988, had an argument with the manager at half-time during last week's Capital League game.

He was substituted and told not to go to training on Thursday or to Saturday's match against Macclesfield.

Abbley said: "We had an argument over a playing matter and after the game I was told not to turn up

Thursday or Saturday, and he hasn't contacted me since. I spoke to the chairman this week and he told me my name was being circulated to the other Conference clubs."

Abbley's name went on the list at the beginning of the week, and since then he has had calls from two Conference clubs and two non-Conference inquiries.

He said: "These things happen, not just in football, but in any job.

"I've enjoyed my time there, I've had a good rapport with the fans and the other players are a great bunch of lads.

"I've got to concentrate on finding another club before next week's transfer deadline."

Football has to take second place to Abbley's job as a financial director.

"It's something I do for enjoyment — to get away from work hassles. So it's no good



O'NEILL: Showing who's boss

Spotlight on Blues

if hassles arise there as well."

Meanwhile, O'Neill saw his Wycombe side suffer its first defeat under his stewardship on Saturday, going down 1-0 at the hands of Conference frontrunners Macclesfield Town.

But he must have been satisfied with a fine team display that was denied three points only by a cruel stroke of misfortune and some lacklustre finishing.

On another day, Blues would have grabbed a bagful.

Wanderers, in a superb spell after half time, ripped the Macclesfield defence apart on several occasions.

Blues were left to rue their wastefulness in front of goal when, on 64 minutes, the referee decided to play a slightly more dominant role.

Andy Robinson's clearance struck the ref squarely in the small of the back and rebounded perfectly for Macclesfield's John Imrie who kept his cool to shoot powerful past the helpless Granville.

Blues had time to salvage something out of the match and, prompted by the inspiration of Mark West, roared back into contention in the last 15 minutes but never managed to finish.

They made up for this loss on Wednesday night when they beat Chesham 2-0 away to make the final of the Berks and Bucks Cup. They now face Slough in the final.

Superloot success

THE winners in week 37 of the Wycombe Wanderers Superloot competition are: £200 jackpot, Z12181, Jack Ellis, Beaconsfield; £100 treble, 10457, B Blackwell, High Wycombe; £50 double, 08685, Mrs C Wall, Chalfont St Peter; £25 single, 09147, Mrs Sweeney, Flackwell Heath.