

Wycombe out to get Carter

BARNET and Wycombe Wanderers are negotiating transfers which could break two non-League records. While Barnet have turned down an initial offer of £275,000 from Peterborough United for Andrew Clarke, Wycombe are hoping to sign Mark Carter from Runcorn, who last week put a price tag of £50,000 on their England semi-professional international forward.

Barnet, who banked the record fee for a non-League player when they sold Phil Gridelet to Barnsley for £175,000 last year, will have further talks with Peterborough, who proposed a package deal which fell £25,000 short of Barnet's valuation of their 23-year-old forward.

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Wycombe, meanwhile, have agreed a fee for Carter which is believed to exceed the record deal between non-League clubs which Barnet equalled last month when they paid Barrow £40,000 for Kenny Lowe.

Martin O'Neill, the Wycombe manager, who recently sold another forward, Nicky Evans, to Barnet for £25,000, was meeting Carter last night to discuss personal terms. If they fail to reach agreement Carter could go to either Altrincham, who have made an offer slightly below Wycombe's, or to Barnet, who would

be interested if they could agree a fee in the region of £30,000.

Carter, aged 30, has scored more than 200 goals in 350 appearances for Runcorn and is the Conference's second leading scorer this season with 18 goals. He has scored more Conference goals than any other player over the last five years.

Yeovil Town will hold a board meeting tonight to discuss the crisis which the Conference club has been plunged into this week. Unrest following the dismissal last year of Brian Hall, the manager, and the club's poor results — they

are only four places off the bottom of the table — culminated in a stormy board meeting on Tuesday at which Gerry Lock, chairman for the last nine years, resigned.

A majority of the directors, unhappy with Lock's handling of club affairs, asked him to stand down. Lock refused, was voted out of office and then resigned from the board, along with the vice-chairman, Geoffrey House, and the financial director, Alan Bergman.

Lock, who masterminded the club's move to a new stadium, is unlikely to give up without a fight and he may lead an attempt to form a new board.

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