

Guppy in award stakes

BLUES DENY LINK WITH SANSOM

WYCOMBE Wanderers have denied reports that former England, Arsenal and Coventry defender Kenny Sansom is about to team up with Blues' manager Martin O'Neill.

The 34-year-old player has been rumoured by The People newspaper to be joining Blues.

But Wanderers secretary John Goldsworthy said yesterday: "I found it hilarious when I heard about the story. I haven't got a clue where they got their information from."

"I have not heard Kenny Sansom's name mentioned as a possible appointment here. I honestly think I would have been told if something like this was about to happen."

Meanwhile, this weekend sees Wycombe's promotion to

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Division Three rubber-stamped at the Football League's annual general meeting in Walsall on Friday.

It will be followed up with a signing-off of Blues' non-League years at the GM Vauxhall Conference AGM at Blackpool on Saturday.

Wanderers winger Steve Guppy is said by organisers to be well in contention for the Conference's Player of the Year title.

Ken Scott, of the GM Vauxhall Conference Bulletin, confirmed that Guppy would be battling it out with Farnborough striker David Leworthy.

He added that Blues' Keith Scott, Paul Hyde, and Simon Stapleton, as well as Run-corn's Ken McKenna, are also

in the running for the accolade, decided by Conference managers.

"I would imagine Guppy is up there with David Leworthy. Quite a few Wycombe players are in the running," said Scott.

The award winner will receive £1,000 and a memento. Blues boss O'Neill is the overwhelming favourite to take the Manager of the Year award.

● **WANDERERS'** pre-season friendly away fixtures are set to be confirmed this week. See Bucks Free Press for details.

● **THE** club shop is closed on Sundays throughout the summer. Customers can still buy goods from the commercial office between 9am and 5.30pm, Monday to Friday.

Rush for soccer season tickets

SEASON tickets are selling like hot cakes at Adams Park with football supporters desperate to watch Football League action.

Wycombe Wanderers said this week that sales were booming, with higher prices failing to deter fans.

Secretary John Goldsworthy said: "We are well up on this time last year which is very good news for the club."

"I don't think we will sell every seat but it would be great if we did, wouldn't it?"

Manager Martin O'Neill has already spoken to most Wycombe players with a view to signing some on a full-time contract for the coming season, but not all are keen to stay.

Winger Steve Guppy, Martin's choice for player of the year, is

disappointed more clubs haven't come in with transfer offers for him.

Wanderers have received a number of inquiries about the player from Premier League and First Division teams, but no firm offers.

Martin has announced he will not stand in Guppy's way if the right offer did come in, but will be looking for a large transfer fee.