

Players leave jobs to fulfill their dreams

STRIKER Tim Langford has put his job as a postman on hold for two years to sign a full-time contract with Wycombe Wanderers, revealed Blues boss Martin O'Neill.

The manager travelled up to the Midlands last Friday afternoon, taking the former Telford man's contract with him.

Langford is one of a handful of Wycombe players who are packing-in full-time jobs to pursue their dream of professional football in Division Three.

Dave Carroll is leaving his job of four years as a buyer for a Wembley-based engineering company, to make a transition from part-time status.

"It is not an upheaval for me. It has always been a dream of mine to become a full-time footballer," said the 26-year-old father-of-two.

The midfielder, who has signed a two-year deal, added: "I will be sad to leave here because of the people I know, but they are wishing me well."

● **SOUTHEND** United will visit Adams Park in place of beleaguered Barnet on Tuesday, August 3 (ko 3pm).

United's boss Barry Fry, formerly manager of the Bees, offered to help Blues with their fixture if Barnet could not fulfil it.

Wycombe pitched in to search for grass

WYCOMBE have had a last-minute rush to find a training pitch to prepare for their first season in the Football League.

The club needed a regular grass-pitch venue for full-time players' training sessions on Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Part-time players will join the rest of the squad on Tuesday and Thursday evenings.

Blues' secretary John Goldsworthy had yesterday found two venues, although he would not confirm the locations, with the final choice left to manager Martin O'Neill.

But O'Neill has confirmed his preference for a grass

pitch, although the players have previously trained on the plastic pitch at Cressex. Wanderers' new training pitch will be plastic.

Work has not started on the synthetic surface at Adams Park, which was granted planning permission earlier this year.

"There are other pressing things such as our entry from the Conference to the League to complete first.

"Once we get to grips with that, our directors will look at the pitch," said Goldsworthy.

● **MATCH** magazine's pundits believe Wanderers will finish their first Division Three season in 17th place.

SINGLE CLIP

Chants are a blast

The Blues Go Marching On (£2.99)

THIS is not a red-hot hip hop sound, but is still the stuff of the streets, a patriotic feast of songs sung by Blues' fans during the club's historic double season.

The souvenir cassette, recorded by Wycombe's players at Abbey Road, is not trendy enough for cruising the streets, with the windows down and the music blaring.

But as a noisy blast from an unforgettable season, it's a must.

Nick Goodman

Video was too blue

A **WYCOMBE** Wanderers celebratory video to mark their league and FA Trophy double was sent back for re-editing because of too many rude comments by Blues fans about Slough Town.

Beam Us Up Scotty has been cleaned up in time for today's launch at Adams Park, at 6pm.

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