

Blues get bargain man Evans

By **CLAIRE NASH**

WYCOMBE boss Martin O'Neill believes he has signed former Brentford skipper Terry Evans for a snip at an initial £20,000, although the fee could double.

O'Neill finalised the on-loan defender and Blues' current skipper's transfer on Friday afternoon.

Blues will pay Brentford a further £10,000 if Evans, 28, plays 40 games, and another £10,000 if the centre half reaches the 70 mark within two and a half years.

"I am pleased to have signed Terry. I think he is very important to our set up," said O'Neill.

"Considering his pedigree I think the fee is very favourable. If he plays those 70 games within two and a half years, he will have done very well for us."

O'Neill was intent on signing Evans, at Brentford for eight years, after the player impressed with sturdy defensive displays when Wycombe's back four was plagued by injuries and suspensions.

Brentford boss David Webb's original asking price for Evans is believed to have been around £50,000.

Evans will remain as Wycombe's captain.

The club's former skipper Glyn Creaser, who plays in the same position as Evans, is still trying to break back into the first team after long-term injury.

"Glyn Creaser has got to battle like everybody else to get into the side," added O'Neill.

Blues cash in on success

PROFITS from a second FA Trophy Final appearance and extensive television coverage last season enabled Wycombe Wanderers to have an outstanding year financially, rather than merely a good one.

Their failure to gain promotion to the Football League the season before last may have been a blessing in disguise, said Wanderers' financial director Graham Peart before last night's annual general meeting where shareholders considered the club's accounts.

"The additional income from the FA Trophy Wembley appearance and the television coverage made the difference to having a good year financially to one of outstanding success. The retained profits, mainly from these two adventures, has enabled the club to make more money available to strengthen playing staff," said Peart.

Straight

by **Andrew Chatfield**

talking



■ **Thought for the week:** Why do Wycombe Wanderers have two away kits, in yellow and green respectively? And do you know anyone who has actually bought – let alone worn – one of the green ones?

Chris Cowley is on holiday

Wycombe find results are in their favour

By **CLAIRE NASH**

WYCOMBE are still fourth in Division Three despite tumbling to their second League defeat on Saturday.

Crewe were the only side ahead of Wycombe to win with a 2-1 victory at Scarborough. Second-place Preston drew 2-2 at Wigan while Rochdale, in third, drew 0-0 at home to Walsall.

Wycombe's 3-2 defeat by Lincoln, which leaves them five points behind top-of-the-table Crewe, was merely a mild eyebrow raiser compared to some of the afternoon's results.

Colchester were on the receiving end of a red-card nightmare when Hereford

walloped them 5-0 after both of their goalkeepers were sent off for professional fouls. Substitute Nathan Munson followed John Keeley to the dressing room for an early shower.

Scunthorpe, who along with Mansfield sit one point behind Wycombe, thrashed Northampton, who drew 1-1 with Blues last week, 7-0.