

Boss O'Neill wields axe
while club pursues stand plans

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THE wind of change is blowing through Wycombe Wanderers with both manager Martin O'Neill and chairman Ivor Beeks pressing on with respective team and ground rebuilding plans.

O'Neill, who contrary to speculation has not yet been the subject of any official job offers after just missing out on the Division Two play-offs, has released Tim Langford, Nicky Reid and Danny Wallace.

"Tim has had a very frustrating time this season. He has had a lot on his mind with his son Adam being ill. I don't think he will have a problem getting fixed up," explained the Blues boss.

"Nicky Reid got injured early on this season and did

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not get going until December and then had to fight to get his place back.

"Danny Wallace was not fit when he came here from Birmingham. But I've said to him that if nothing turns up he can rejoin us for pre-season training."

O'Neill has also given Cyrille Regis a free transfer, but wants to renegotiate a new contract with the 37-year-old veteran striker.

Regis scored the goal which won Blues' final game of the season at relegated Leyton Orient.

The 1-0 victory, Wycombe's first away win for more than three months, ensured a sixth-place finish, just three points

off the play-offs and three points ahead of seventh-placed neighbours Oxford United.

It also saw the debut of 17-year-old striker Anthony Clark who O'Neill is keen to sign.

Beeks, meanwhile, hopes that building work will begin in August on a new all-seater stand which will replace the Woodland Terrace at Adams Park. The scheme is due to be considered by Wycombe District Council's planning applications panel next month.

The chairman hoped the stand would be finished by February/March next year if work begins in the summer, pending the council's decision.

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O'Neill believes that Langford should have little problem finding a new club. He went to Kidderminster for a month's loan towards the end of the season.

Most of Langford's time revolves around caring for his three-year-old son Adam who has leukaemia. He said: "Adam's survival is more important than my job, but I'm obviously disappointed at losing my job."

He added: "I've got a few contacts in the game, so something should come up. I would like to stay in the League because I think I still have something to offer."

Reid, who was a guest on elevenSEVENTY'S Sportsline show last night, has hardly played this term. O'Neill said it was difficult for the midfielder to reclaim his place after injury early in the season. Reid, however, has also reportedly been at odds with his boss.

Wallace was released after six weeks, O'Neill being disappointed the striker couldn't regain a semblance of form.

One new arrival to the first team is already in Blues' ranks. O'Neill is keen to sign up 17-year-old youth team player Anthony Clark, who made his Division Two debut last Saturday.