

Garner is free to shop around



True grit: Favourite Blue Simon Garner in action

WYCOMBE Wanderers favourite Simon Garner is a free agent.

The veteran striker has been released by Martin O'Neill, having turned down an improved contract, in favour of scouring the country for more favourable terms.

The Wycombe manager offered Garner a fresh deal, but explained: "Since Simon is of an age where he could still get a better deal elsewhere, I won't stand in his way. But there is a contract for him here if he wants it."

Garner is not the only Blues player potentially on the move. Fellow experienced forward Cyrille Regis is another who has been given a free transfer.

Full back David Titterton, out injured for most of the season just finished, finds himself in a similar position.

O'Neill will keep his contract open until September, should he be unable to agree terms with a new club.

The asking price for midfielder Lee Turnbull is £15,000, meanwhile, and O'Neill is confident Scunthorpe United will sign the man Wycombe picked up for £20,000 from Doncaster.

A permanent addition to the Wycombe squad is likely to be Peter Garland. The 24-year-old's free transfer from Charlton should go through, once he returns from holiday next week. O'Neill also hopes to sign Terry Skiverton from Chelsea.

Blues' friendlies

FOOTBALL: Wycombe Wanderers have pre-season friendlies at home to Norwich on Saturday, August 5 (ko 3pm), Ipswich Town on Tuesday, July 25 (ko 7.45pm), and Southampton on Tuesday, August 1 (ko 7.45pm).

They also play away, against Poole at Hanworthy on Thursday, July 20 (ko 7.30pm), and at Aldershot on Thursday, July 27 (ko 7.30pm)

Fan clubs jockey for position

THE existence of Wycombe Wanderers Independent Supporters Club has prompted the football club to set up their own official group.

WWISC, which is a year old, are viewing the new supporters club with interest. They will presently continue to exist as a body which, as their title suggests, is independent of being controlled by Wycombe.

Chairman Bob Officer said: "It looks like their organisation is for making money rather than giving representation to the supporters by virtue of the club having total control of the scheme."

But he added: "We are looking at the situation as it unfolds to see if it is worth getting involved."

Various incentives are being used by Wanderers to attract members to their own club such as a form of priority booking for Cup matches and discounts for matches and coach travel.

The Wanderers' fan club will have a four-strong committee that will have direct access to Wycombe chairman Ivor Beeks and the directors.