

Smith aims to sell to buy new blood

WYCOMBE Wanderers boss Alan Smith has signalled his urgency to stump up some much-needed cash to buy new players and cut out the dead wood by putting striker Steve McGavin up for sale.

McGavin was one of Blues' most expensive signings ever at £140,000 from Birmingham 14 months ago, but he has turned out to be one of their costliest flops after failing to

score a goal in open play last season. Smith's decision to put the 27-year-old ex-Colchester marksman, who scored just two penalties last term, on the transfer list along with Brian McGorry, has, therefore, come as no surprise as he prepares his Division Two squad for next season.

Whether Blues will get a significant amount of money for McGavin and McGorry, the latter failing to break into the first team

at all after being signed on a free transfer from Peterborough last autumn, remains to be seen. McGorry, who was on loan at Cardiff late last term, was not too surprised at being put up for sale. "I have not been in the side and that's the way it goes. It's quite disappointing," said the Merseyside midfielder.

Meanwhile, goalkeeper Rhys Wilmot, who played under Smith at Crystal Palace, has been linked

with Wycombe this week. The 34-year-old, whose former clubs include Leyton Orient and Arsenal, would replace Sieb Dykstra, who went back to Queens Park Rangers after two months' loan at the end of last season, if signed.

■ Wycombe are offering viewing sessions for fans to see how building work on the new 5,000-seater stand is progressing today, between noon and 2pm, and on Tuesday, between 5.30pm and 7pm.