



Making a point: Alan Smith at the Supporters Club panel evening last Thursday

BACKING FOR BLUES BOSS

WYCOMBE Wanderers chairman Ivor Beeks has given his backing to Blues boss Alan Smith as the team continue to look for their first league win of the season.

Beeks, speaking at a panel evening organised by Wycombe Wanderers Supporters Club last Thursday, told an audience of around 100 that he believed Smith was the right man for the job.

The chairman's support of the Wanderers manager, who is in the second year of a two-year contract with the club,

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was prompted when a member of the audience, in a question and answer session, suggested the club should change the current management team.

Beeks said: "I believe it is right and proper to give people time to deal with any given situation."

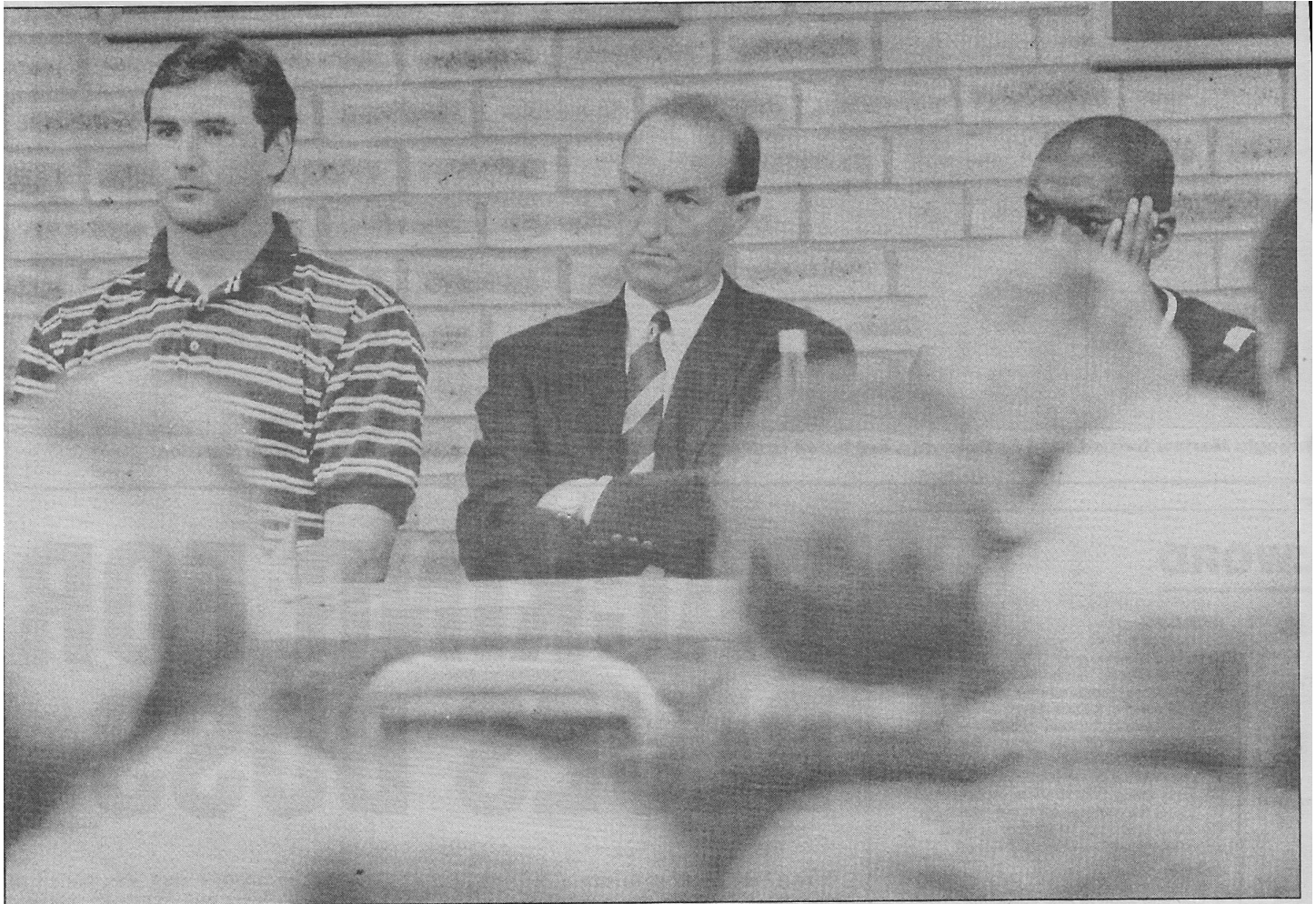
Referring to the club's rise from the Conference to Football League, he added: "We have had some exceptional results and at some stage or

another that was bound to level out. Whoever followed the previous manager it was bound to be difficult.

"We have got to give people a fair chance. He (Smith) was appointed for a two-year contract and as far as I am concerned he will see that term out."

Beeks also pointed out that Smith had been restricted by the limited money the board had to spend on new players.

The chairman's backing of Smith came two days before Wycombe's weekend defeat at Burnley.



Facing the fans: Alan Smith, flanked by Terry Evans and Steve Brown, at Thursday's supporters' forum

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