

Former England internationals Cyrille Regis and Ray Wilkins have emerged as front runners for the manager's job at Wycombe Wanderers, following Alan Smith's sacking.

Alan was axed on Monday after the Blues sunk to the foot of Division Two following their 6-3 defeat at Peterborough on Saturday.

Seven club directors voted unanimously to end Smith's Adams Park career.

Ray, the former England, Manchester United, Rangers and AC Milan star, has already announced his interest in the job after playing one match for Wanderers.

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"I'm open to offers and will talk to Wycombe if I'm approached," he said. "I enjoyed my day at Wycombe very much and thought they were a smashing little club."

Cyrille, who spent a season at Adams Park, has also said he will apply for the vacancy, which is being advertised in tomorrow's Daily Mail.

He said: "I've got a lot of affection for the place; I had a good rapport with the fans and I'll be applying. The



Sacked: Boss Alan Smith

opportunity has arisen and I want to take the bull by its horns."

Alan claimed there was an undercurrent of feeling

against him from the fans. He said: "I don't think people could see where I was coming from."

Meanwhile, Blues' youth team coach Neil Smillie has been promoted to caretaker boss with Terry Evans as his assistant until an appointment is made.

Neil said: "I feel well-equipped. My experiences at Gillingham helped me. I would like to get on with the job and take it day-by-day, week-by-week. We're all ambitious and I want the best for this club."

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● See the Bucks Free Press for comprehensive coverage of Smith's sacking and the future for Wanderers.