

Fans ready for change

BLUES fans say that sacking Alan Smith was the right thing to do after a winless league season left them bottom of league division two.

Before Tuesday night's game against Rotherham they spoke to Leader reporter David Wells. A number of names, including former player Cyrille Regis, have already been linked with the position.

Most fans said they simply wanted an experienced manager in as soon as possible.

Blues supporter David Huntley, of Wyndham Road, High Wycombe, said there was definitely a change needed at the club before it was too late to pull themselves back up.

He said: "It had to happen now just to stop us going down and down."

Blues supporter Mike Ralls, of Thame, said there was nobody in particular who he thought would be good to take Smith's place. But it must be a seasoned manager. He said: "Smith made quite a

few mistakes. He never had the respect from the players or the fans. They had to do something before it was too late."

For Phil Hughes and his son Simon, of Ledborough Lane, Beaconsfield, getting rid of Smith was a good thing for the club.

Mr Hughes said: "He had 18 months and the results have demonstrated that he was no good for the club."

"I think it was a good time for him to go now."

"Here's an opportunity for the team to get going again and start building for the future."

"In a way I feel we are better than when we were promoted to into the second division. The side is stronger, but they have just not been performing. Long ball game is dated. It is time for a change."

Simon said Wanderers should bring back Hyde because getting rid of him was one of the worst decisions Smith ever made.

He said: "After Peterborough I think it was obvious something had to change."

"We got to be hopeful now. I think we can still pull up the table."

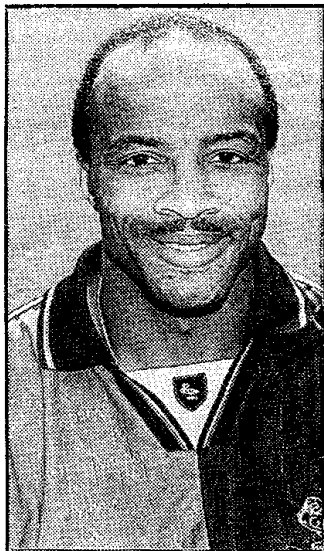
Geoff Bone, of Clauds Close, Hazlemere, said: "It is the best thing that has happened in a long time. Smith was useless."

"He definitely made terrible decisions and he wrecked a good side."

"He got rid of good players. A prime example is Paul Howard."

"Whoever they get in now, they have got a hell of a job in front of them."

"The side is good, the players are good, they just need direction."



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