

Grand offer for Blues

REPORT

By Dave Peters

A MYSTERY Wycombe Wanderers fan wants to bolster Blues coffers to the tune of £10,000 – but only if they win.

The life-long Wycombe supporter is prepared to hand over £1,000 of his hard earned cash every time Wanderers win. He has told the club he will honour his offer for their next ten games, starting with tomorrow's match at Wrexham.

The money will go to manager John Gregory to help towards the cost of new players.

Gregory said: "It is an amazing offer. I just hope we can take £10,000 off him. All we need now is another 100 supporters like him."

The supporter, a local industrialist and an Adams Park regular does not want to be named, but the hard-up club is hoping his generosity will have a snowball effect on other Blues fans, persuading them to dig deep into their pockets and inspire the team to pick up the winning habit.

Already a second fan has offered £25 for every match out of the next ten that Wanderers win.

Chairman Ivor Beeks said: "I was amazed when I heard about it but knowing the passion of some of our supporters it doesn't altogether surprise me. There are a lot of people out there who feel very passionate about the club."

But Wanderers will have to show a marked improvement in form if they are to take the money. They have only won three league matches all season and are rock bottom of the Second Division.

The club desperately needs the money. Because of the way it is run, with its 200-plus shareholders limited to a £1 share each, the club lives on gate receipts, commercial activities and cash from selling players.

Meanwhile, Wanderers are considering changing their constitution in a bid to generate more cash but Beeks says it is not a priority at the moment.

He said: "We shall at some stage have to look seriously at the way we operate our share system within the club."

But he added: "I think it is way off at the moment. It is on the back burner."

Beeks confirmed that Wycombe have not received any bids for any of the club's players.

He said: "If I had a good offer for any player and I could generate enough money to buy two new ones I wouldn't be adverse to it, if the manager agreed."

■ Gregory is hoping to spend £15,000 today signing on-loan Derby defender Jason Kavanagh.

The Blues boss needs to sign him today if Kavanagh is to be eligible to play in next week's FA Cup match at Barnet.