

FOOTBALL

McCarthy: The next Wycombe Wanderer on the international stage?

PAUL McCarthy could be the next Wycombe Wanderer to follow Steve Guppy onto the international scene.

Manager John Gregory said this week that he would have no hesitation in recommending his skipper

and centre back to Republic of Ireland manager Mick McCarthy for one of his B squads.

Gregory said: "I think Macca was a bit unlucky not to make the Eire B squad last time. He's certainly playing well enough at the moment

to be given his chance.

"I would have no hesitation in recommending Paul to Mick McCarthy. I think he's good enough to get a game in their B squad but it depends who he is playing with."

Steve Guppy, who began his career at Wanderers before moving to Leicester via Newcastle and Port Vale, got his call-up to the England B squad on Monday for Tuesday's game against Chile at West Bromwich Albion's Hawthorns ground.

Gregory, who was not at Adams Park when Guppy was there, said:

"It is tremendous news for Wycombe and there was a buzz about the club this week. Everyone who was here when he was here is delighted for him. A lot of people down here have taken a lot of pleasure in his call up."

Keith Ryan, who played with Gupps at Adams Park, said: "I'm delighted for him. I phoned to congratulate him when I heard the news. It's just a pity I won't be able to see him playing because we're playing at Northampton that night."

Brentford's wall building

BRENTFORD arrive at Adams Park tomorrow still looking for their first away win and without suspended midfielder Warren Aspinall.

Wanderers, who have midfielders Dave Carroll and Steve Brown back

in contention after their suspensions, can expect to come up against a defensive wall. Brentford boss Mickey Adams has outlined his survival strategy of keep them out and you're half way there.

Win tickets to see the Blues

THE BFP has teamed up with Nationwide and has three pairs of tickets to give away for Wycombe's clash with Burnley on February 14.

Answer the following question and you could be a winner.

Q: Which Wanderer was sent off against Carlisle last Saturday?

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