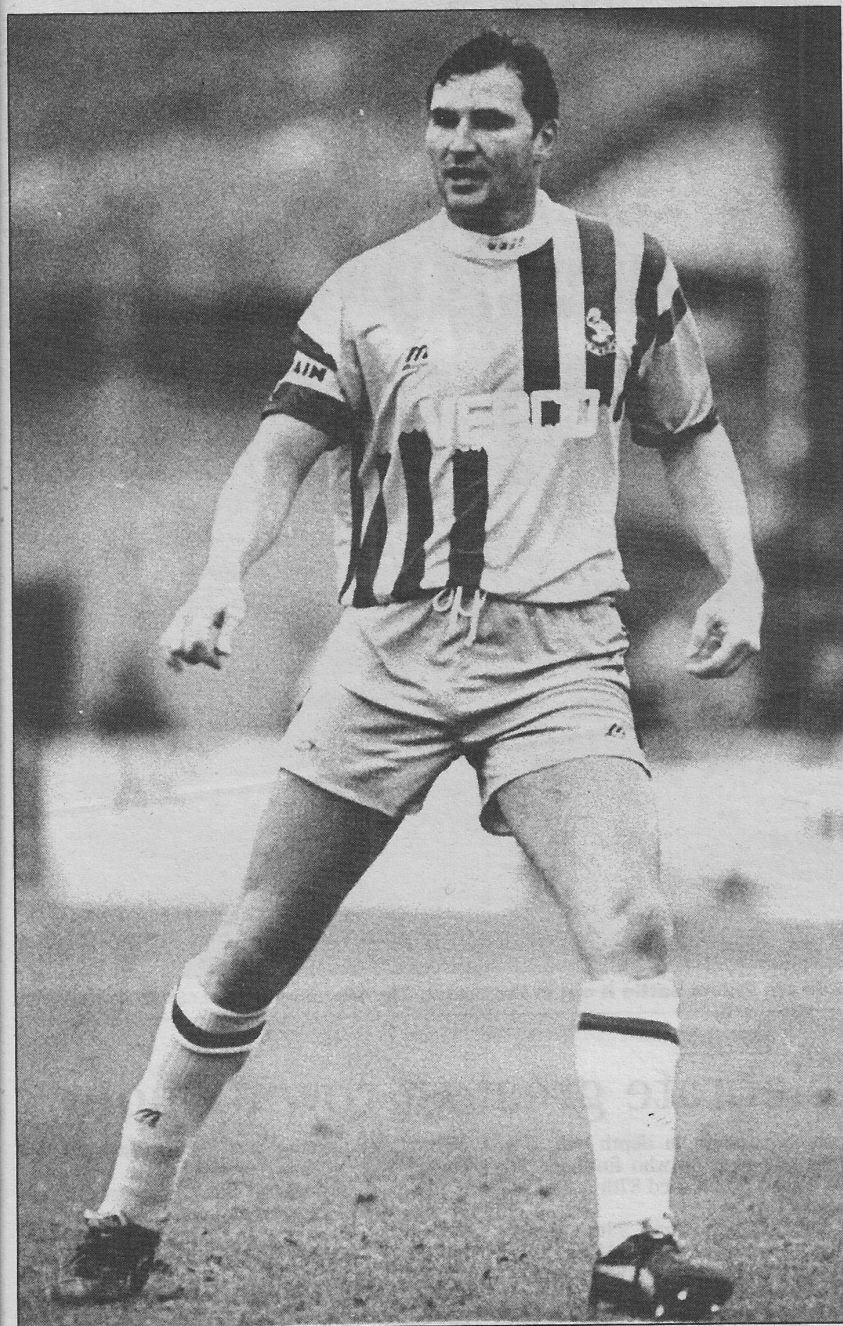


Big Tel offers to help his old club



Helping hand: Former Blue Terry Evans has offered his services to his old club, but will they now be needed?

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FORMER Blues hero Terry Evans has written to the club offering to help them through their manager predicament in any way he can.

Evans, who admits he wants to break into management, faxed chairman Ivor Beeks after John Gregory left to join Aston Villa.

He told the Bucks Free Press: "I wrote to Ivor saying that I'd be willing to help out in any way I can in the near or distant future."

"It would be great to go back as a manager but if I could help out in any capacity I would be happy."

"It's a great club and I'd love to get back there. One day I would like to try my hand as a manager and hopefully that'll be sooner rather than later. But if Neil Smillie gets it I wish him all the best. He's doing very well and I don't want to push anyone out."

Evans is currently playing for Ryman Premier Division leaders Kingstonian and studying hard on the management side. He is taking his coaching licence and has done nutrition and fitness courses.

Meanwhile, West Bromwich Albion chairman Tony Hale confirmed on Wednesday that he has not yet received an approach from Wanderers chairman Ivor Beeks about Cyrille Regis.

Regis told the BFP last week that he would be interested in managing but he is under contract as a coach at West Brom and will not apply, although he said he would be interested if Wanderers went through the proper channels.

Former Crystal Palace caretaker manager and now Palace youth team coach Peter Nicholas also wants to be considered. But his chances are not fancied because he wants Wycombe

to make the first move.

Portsmouth player Martin Allen is also an outsider. He lives just five miles from Adams Park and was interviewed for the Portsmouth job before it went to Alan Ball.

John Treweek, downgraded in the West Brom shake-up, is another thought to be viewing Wanderers with interest.

He wants to manage and is no stranger to the area having previously worked at Oxford.

Another manager who has recently been demoted is Chic Bates. He was manager at Stoke until they replaced him with Chris Kamara.

Bates is now coaching at Stoke and keen to get back into management. His case is strengthened by his friendship with Blues director Alan Parry.

Former Wanderers coach Steve Walford, now coach at Leicester, added to the speculation by sitting among the Blues directors for Saturday's draw at Luton.

But with the transfer deadline 13 days away, and Leicester interested in Keith Ryan, and Walford's former associates saying he has no desire to break into management, that link seems unlikely. Former Barnet boss Ray Clemence was also a spectator at Luton.

Big name Bruce Rioch, who applied for the Cardiff and Aberdeen jobs gave the BFP a cryptic response when asked about his position on the post.

Rioch said: "I haven't had any response from Wycombe."

Bookmakers Ladbrokes and Coral are refusing to run a book on the job.

The bookies insist they don't have enough knowledge on the Wycombe situation.