

Sport Midweek

Captain Ryan cleans up

KEITH Ryan finally put two years of injury heartache behind him on Saturday when he won the Laurent Perrier/Bucks Free Press Player of the Year award.

Blues' captain courageous won by a landslide from runner-up Martin Taylor and third placed Steve Brown.

Victory in the BFP readers and fans' poll completed a clean sweep for

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Rhino, who has spent the two previous seasons sidelined with knee injuries. He also won the Official Supporters Club and the Independent Supporters Club awards.

Ryan said: "Along with playing at Wembley this is the highlight of my career."

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I'M THE BOSS

Smillie gets job for next three years

FOOTBALL
By Dave Peters

NEIL Smillie will lead the Blues into the next Millennium after being offered a three year contract by chairman Ivor Beeks.

Smillie got the job after leading Wanderers to second division safety following a run of just two defeats in 11 matches while he was in caretaker command.

The decision was announced at Adams Park five minutes before Wanderers' last home game of the season against Chesterfield on Saturday.

Smillie said: "The club has gone forward very quickly up to now and I want to continue taking the club forward."

Defender Nicky Mohan said: "It's excellent news, all the players are behind him."

Smillie has yet to decide who his assistant will be next season and the club must also appoint a youth team manager to replace 39-year-old Smillie.

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