

Groundsman Lee turns down dream job with star

Noasis says Blues' Lee

REPORT

By Dave Peters

BLUES groundsman Lee Stallwood has turned down the biggest rock band in the world to stay at Adams Park.

Oasis singer Noel Gallagher wanted the 20-year-old to tend the five-a-side pitch at his luxury Little Chalfont home.

But loyal Lee turned down the once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to stay with second division Wanderers, where he plays second fiddle to head groundsman Jim Gardner.

He said: "I'm flattered to be asked but I've got a better job here."

He has now passed the job offer, which came to him in a shock phone call from the star's personal assistant Sara Thomas, on to Gardner's son Steve.

Steve, a golf course greenkeeper has visited the pitch, and will talk to Thomas soon.

Stallwood said: "I like Oasis and it would have been nice to work for a pop star but I've got a very good job here. I've got a good teacher (Jim Gardner) and my ambition is to take over from him when he retires."

"Working for Oasis would have been fine but it would only have been for a couple of days a week. It was a great offer but I had to ask myself how long it would last for. If he moves away I could have been left with nothing."

"And anyway I couldn't have got there because I can't drive."

But even though he was inundated with offers from the club's office girls who volunteered to drive him there each day, Lee has made his mind up and is sticking with his decision.

He said: "I know some people may think I'm mad, but I've got a good job here. I don't know why I was asked, but at least I can say I was."

Jim Gardner said: "I'm delighted Lee's staying, I don't want to lose him. For a 20-year-old it would have been a great thing to work with Noel Gallagher, and him pledging his future to Wycombe is a real bonus."

A spokesman for Gallagher said: "We know Noel is very keen on his football but this a matter we cannot comment on."

Gallagher recently had a planning application to floodlight his pitch, turned down.



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