

Blues snap up Vinnie

... and medical will seal deal

REPORT

By Dave Peters

WYCOMBE Wanderers have agreed terms with Chris Vinnicombe and will sign the former Glasgow Rangers player subject to a medical.

The 27-year-old left wingback has agreed a two-year-deal with Adams Park boss Neil Smillie after impressing during pre-season.

Vinnicombe said: "I've agreed terms and I'm looking forward to signing.

"Wycombe have obviously got ambition. The manager is trying to put a squad together and hopefully we can push for first division status.

"The lads are good and it is a nice club and hopefully I can help to get them into the first division. That is my aim. I wouldn't have come here if I didn't have ambitions to play at a higher level.

"Hopefully we can get the medical sorted out in the next couple of days. I've had a few injuries in my time, but I feel fit and it should not be a problem."

Smillie is delighted to get the player who was once tipped as a future England left back when his home-town club Exeter sold him to Rangers eight years ago.

But his spell in Scotland was blighted by injuries and he moved on to Burnley. The Clarets offered Vinnicombe the chance to stay on at Turf Moor this season but he turned it down because they were offering less money than he was on last year.

Smillie stepped in to offer the player, who made 12 appearances for England U21s, the chance to train with Wycombe.

Smillie said: "Chris has got a nice left foot, he's mobile and he knows the game well. I want to play with more width and Chris is someone who has the ability to get the crosses in. He's done well in the two pre-season games and shown his quality."

The capture of Vinnicombe on a free transfer will end a year-long search by Wanderers for an attacking wingback to replace Mickey Bell.

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New boy: Chris Vinnicombe (left) training with Blues' Paul Read

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