

Conquering Collymore's comeback

DISGRACED Aston Villa striker Stan Collymore put his troubles behind him when he was among the top players who descended on Wycombe Wanderers' Adams Park for a pre-season friendly on Tuesday.

The £7m rated player who attacked his former girlfriend Ulrika Johnsson, who lives in Cookham Dean, near Marlow, in Paris on the eve of the World Cup, managed to score one and set up another as Villa beat the Blues 3-0.

Staying on the bench was Dwight Yorke as speculation grew about a possible transfer to Manchester United. Villa manager said the Trinidad star had suffered a dead leg in training.

Fans cheered ebullient Yorke as he made his way to the dugout and generously signed autographs for Blues fans - before breaking into chants of: "Stand up if you hate Man U."

The match also saw the launch of the Blues' new mascot Bodger who replaces old favourite Bluey the Swan.

Bodger was paraded to the 4,815 strong home crowd by former Wanderers player Tony 'Bodger' Horseman, who is still their leading goal scorer with 525 goals in 17 seasons.

After the match Blues boss Neil Smillie praised the Villa team saying: "They are a wonderful outfit, have some real quality players and are a class act."



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