

Fans say new manager, whoever he is, will need more money



Business as usual: Terry Evans fills the gap, left by Smillie, in training this week

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THE search on already on for a new Wanderers boss with chairman Ivor Beeks admitting there have been some interesting inquiries.

Wolves assistant John Ward and former Nottingham Forest caretaker boss Mickey Adams are the people that the fans want to take over.

And neither have ruled themselves out of the equation as the next Wycombe boss.

Forest youth team coach Paul Hart has also come into the picture.

The former hardman defender could be an attractive option to the cash-strapped Adams Park board who have repeatedly stressed that youth is the key to the future at Wycombe.

That fact was one of the reasons why they went for former youth team coach Neil Smillie in the first place, but it ended up backfiring on them.

Hart's record with youngsters is second to none.

He was in charge of the kids at Leeds and looked after stars such as Harry Kewell, Alan Smith and Jonathan Woodgate who are now in the first team at Elland Road.

Hart is unhappy with his situation as director of youth football at Forest, having become frustrated at the club's failure to deliver promises to build a youth academy and would see Wycombe as an ideal place to launch a career in first team management.

But whoever the board chose, the Wycombe fans are sure about one thing – that the new boss should be given money to spend.

Although the fans have widely claimed the club were right to sack Smillie, they also feel that he was operating with one hand tied behind his back from the start.

And they say the board will have to back the new boss with more cash this time.

Keith Blagbrough, secretary of the official Blues supporters club said: "They will have to find some money pretty quick because it's unlikely a new manager will come in unless there's something to spend on players."

Wanderers have struggled against relegation for the past three seasons and whoever does get the job will want to bring in some of his own players.

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