

Sacked Smillie is still smiling

AXED Wycombe Wanderers manager Neil Smillie sent the Blues a good luck message before their Division Two clash with Millwall.

The ex-Blues boss

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put aside his obvious disappointment at being sacked to make the kind-hearted phone call

He called player-

coach Terry Evans who is acting as caretaker manager to wish him luck and asked him to pass his best wishes onto the play-

ers.

The message came just six days after he was kicked out of the club after 11 months as boss.

Mr Evans said: "It was a nice gesture but I am not surprised as he that kind of guy."

Wycombe Wanderers are set to name their new manager by the end of the week.

The club has had 20 applications for the post - left vacant after former boss Neil Smillie was kicked out of the club.

They hope to reveal the successful applicant today or tomorrow.

Mr Smillie had worked at the club for 11 months.

He left with the Wanderers board citing a poor run of results and disciplinary difficulties as the reason for his departure.

Mr Smillie himself had admitted he could not motivate the team resulting in Wanderers building up the worst disciplinary record in the second division.

Mr Evans was in charge for the team's 1-0 defeat to league

rivals Millwall at Adams Park, on Saturday.

Club press officer Alan Hutchinson said the club's board are looking at the applications and hope to make a decision by the end of the week.

He added among the applications were two from people who had written in as a prank.

He said: "We have had two crazy ones but they are not even taken into the equation."

But, top names being talked about by fans as possible replacements are Nottingham Forest's Micky Adams, Steve Gritt, currently at Millwall, and Wolverhampton Wanderers' John Ward.

Wanderers are due to play Chalfont St Peter tonight, at Adams Park, in a Berks and Bucks Senior Cup tie. The match has been postponed twice due to a waterlogged pitch.

The next first team match will be against Chesterfield on January 30, at Adams Park.