

Blues look to Adams

NOTTINGHAM Forest have given Wanderers permission to speak to Micky Adams about the vacant manager's job at Adams Park, after fans' choice John Ward ruled himself out.

Forest chairman Phil Soar said: "We've always considered ourselves fortunate to have Micky here and we'd love him to stay but Wycombe have approached him and it's now up to him."

Forest boss Ron Atkinson tried to persuade Adams to stay with

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them but he has set his heart on returning to management.

Atkinson said: "I very much want Micky to stay and work with us. I've been very impressed with him since I arrived and was hoping he'd stay."

"But he's someone with ambitions of his own and I wouldn't dream of standing in his way, therefore, I've agreed to allow

Wycombe to talk to him."

Adams leapt to the front of Wycombe's wanted list after Ward ruled himself out yesterday.

Adams was coy, saying: "It's flattering to be linked and if the right club came along who knows."

Beeks confirmed he wants someone with Nationwide League experience and Adams has that.

He got Fulham promoted to Division Two on a shoestring budget but before the dust had gathered on his third division Manager of the Year trophy,

Fulham sacked him to bring in Kevin Keegan.

Adams then went to Swansea and doomed Brentford, where he almost kept them up, but was sacked by his chairman Ron Noades who fancied doing the job himself.

He then moved to Forest where he worked as assistant to Dave Bassett and when Bassett was sacked, Forest appointed him caretaker manager until Atkinson arrived.

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