

Those who got away?

WYCOMBE Wanderers are letting thousands of pounds worth of potential local talent slip through their fingers, the Bucks Free Press can reveal.

They are consistently missing out on the best non-league players in the area while other clubs steal them from under their noses.

Thame United's James Saulsbury, who was with the England Under-19 squad last week, has been invited to train with Watford in the New Year but his boss Andy Sinnott says Wycombe haven't even enquired about him.

Blues may be missing local talent

REPORT
By Dave Peters

Meanwhile, Marlow teenager Lee Cook signed a two-year professional contract with Watford last month, after they spotted him playing for Ryman League Aylesbury.

The striker told the BFP that Wycombe weren't among his declared admirers – who included Leeds, Wimbledon, West Ham,

QPR and Brentford – despite the fact that Aylesbury boss Garry Phillips is Blues' goalkeeping coach.

Another Aylesbury star to have slipped through the net is QPR's Jermaine Darlington, now a Loftus Road favourite after his £25,000 move last year.

He said: "Bristol Rovers and Millwall were also interested but, as far as I know, Wycombe weren't.

"Clubs like Wycombe should look at the lower leagues. There are

so many good players in the Ryman League. Sometimes I think I've come up against better players in that league."

Third division Rotherham have taken his advice. They swooped on Chesham this week to offer Dwayne Plummer, who's also interesting Sheffield United, a trial.

Notts Forest have also been at Chesham twice this week, with Terry Bowes believed to be their target, while Conference side Rushden are keen on Thame's lanky striker Jefferson Louis.

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