

Priceless Brady makes Blues debut

MATT Brady made his Wanderers debut as a substitute against Chesterfield on Monday, to leave his former club Boreham Wood fuming.

The 22-year-old winger played less than a fortnight after Blues refused to pay the non-leaguers £5,000 for him.

Wood chairman Danny Hunter said: "A week and a half ago he wasn't worth £5,000 of Wycombe's money, now he's played in their first team.

"I wish the boy well because he's a smashing lad and deserves it but Wycombe have done a number on us and they know it."

Hunter let Brady leave for free after the player begged him not to block his professional dream.

Brady said: "I'd have paid the fee myself if I had the money. I thought my chance had gone over £5,000. I had it out with the chairman for about two hours and it got quite heated. Then he said he had kids of his own and that he didn't want to stand in my way."

Wood will receive 30 per cent of any transfer fee if Brady is sold.

Brady said: "I've always known technically I'm good enough but I've got to get fitter and prove it. I've got a good chance here because of the lack of left-sided players."

He made a promising debut replacing Danny Senda against Chesterfield and followed it with a goal in Tuesday's Berks and Bucks Cup win over Chesham.

Boss Lawrie Sanchez said: "He's a tidy player with a lovely left foot. I like balanced sides. He's a wide-left player and at the moment we haven't really got one. He's got an 18 month contract to show what he can do."

● Striker Sean Devine believes Sanchez got it right when he allowed the players to celebrate New Year.

He said: "The boss gives you leeway to do things and when you get that you don't take the mickey. It's when you don't get it and it's so regimental that people slip out. Everyone enjoyed themselves and had a drink but it was in moderation."

Sanchez said: "They're professional. I didn't lay the law down. They enjoyed New Year's Eve like everyone else and trained the next day."

He also backed the Football League for breaking tradition and not having matches on January 1.

He said: "The players would've played but it would have ruined everyone else's holiday. The staff would've had to come in, the fans would have had to try and get transport and it was nice for the players to join in the New Year celebrations."

● Blues' postponed match at Colchester has been rescheduled for Tuesday, January 18 (ko 7.45pm) giving Blues two successive midweek away trips. They visit neighbours Oxford United in the second round of the Auto Windscreen Shield next Tuesday (ko 7.45pm).

That will be the first chance for supporters to see Wanderers getting to grips with the experimental ten-yard rule, where teams are pushed back if they show dissent.

Entrance at The Manor is £9 standing for adults, £4 concessions, or £12 and £7 in the seats.

● Blues are talking to council officials trying to save matchday transport to Adams Park after Classic Coaches withdrew their seven-route service for financial reasons.

The only route currently running is Wycombe Bus Company's football specials from Wycombe bus and train station.

● Paul Emblen had the plaster removed from his broken ankle earlier this week.