

FOUR of Blues youth team who won the Southern Merit Division One title last Saturday have now been released.

Ryan Gostick, Stuart Reeks, Kevin Powell and Paul Johnson were shown the door within 72 hours of the team's 1-0 win at Brentford which earned Blues their first trophy at any level since the 1994 play-off win over Preston.

Their exits underlined the

realities of Blues' economics as only two second year scholars, youth team skipper Ben Townsend and striker Peter Holsgrove were retained.

Youth boss Gary Goodchild said: "It's been hard but that's the nature of the business. We can't keep them all. We've got a budget and we're accountable to it. One or two were close to being kept and it's a rotten thing to have to do but

it's all down to money."

He is now hoping that Townsend and Holsgrove can break into the first team during their final year as youths. And he has high hopes that the five first years arriving in the summer, Johnny Dixon, Jack Smillie, Pat Lynott, Lewis Cook and Ronnie Girvan, will keep the youths success going.

Dixon, 15, came off the bench to win the title beating two players before slotting beyond the keeper.

The team finish the season against Wolves at Molins tomorrow and will be presented with their medals at half time during the first team's match against Luton.

Goodchild said: "They've had a tremendous season winning the league and reaching the fourth

round of the FA Youth Cup."

● Midfielders Dave Carroll, Keith Ryan and Steve Brown will not play again this season after boss Lawrie Sanchez decided to rest them or book them in for treatment now in a bid to make sure they are fit for the start of next season.

Brown and Ryan are nursing knee injuries and Carroll has got an achilles problem which needs an injection.

● The reserves fell to their 15th league defeat of the season losing 2-0 at Gillingham on Wednesday. They remain bottom of the Combination.

● Dave Carroll won the Official Supporters Club player of the year and Sean Devine took the Independents award.

Watch – all will be revealed

THE Bucks Free Press/Delbeck Champagne Player of the Year trophy will be presented before Wycombe's final match of the season at home to Luton tomorrow after

the closest ever poll in the history of the award.

Just two votes separated the winner from the runner up and all will be revealed before kick off.