

Nutter on trial for the Wanderers

WANDERERS are giving a trial to 19-year-old former Blackburn trainee John Nutter.

The youngster, who comes from Slough originally, played for the youth team last week and turned out for the reserves in their 4-0 home defeat by Cheltenham.

Wanderers picked up the left sided player after he was released by the Ewood Park club.

Manager Lawrie Sanchez said: "He did quite well. He's gone to a few clubs since leaving Blackburn and we're having a look at him."

● Steve Brown took just four minutes to become the first Wanderer this season to be banned twice.

Brownie, who served a three match ban following his sending off at Reading was booked within four minutes of coming on as a substitute in his first game back against Harrow on Saturday.

He mistimed a tackle on Boro veteran Barry Silkman and was booked for the fifth time this season. He now misses the Bournemouth game.

● Prices have been cut for the visit of third division Exeter City in the first round of the LDV Vans Trophy on Tuesday, December 5 (ko 7.45pm).

It's a quid for kids in any stand that is open and adult seats are £10 or £8 standing with concessions being £5 and £10.

The match represents the first meeting between the sides and will be an old boys reunion with John Cornforth the assistant manager of Exeter, who also have former Blues Paul Read and Paul Buckle.

● Former Wanderers right back Gary Wraight has joined Ryman Premier Division St Albans for £4,000.

● Former Blues' winger Dave Farrell who was given away by ex-Wanderers boss John Gregory on a free transfer now looks set to move to Millwall for £500,000.

His Peterborough manager Barry Fry said: "His value is increasing every week. I'd describe them as desperate to sign him and I expect them to come back with a third offer this week."

● Manager Lawrie Sanchez is still trying to persuade Chelsea to allow new loanee Sam Parkin to play in the FA Cup.

● Defender Paul McCarthy is hoping to step up his training next week after his back injury.

● Special coaches picking up in Thame, Stoke Mandeville, Princes Risborough, Amersham, Holmer Green, Beaconsfield, Chinnor, Loudwater, Stokenchurch, Marlow, Bourne End and Wooburn Green are running to Colchester tomorrow. To book ring Rena on (01296) 429307.

LETTERS

Let's give Harrow some credit

Is there some sort of media conspiracy going on with Harrow Borough's Barry Silkman?

In the build up to Saturday's FA Cup match the BFP failed to mention that he was a former Wycombe Wanderer, as did local television when running a feature on him as a 48-year-old player.

Even the official matchday programme ignored the connection. I know that he only performed six times for the Chairboys, but what performances they were.

Ironically he made his debut for the Chairboys on a Tuesday evening at Harrow Borough in October 1986.

The 2-1 defeat was one of the very few reverses that season as Wycombe became champions of the Vauxhall-Opel League in style. His next performance, in the 3-0 victory at Slough the following Saturday, was one of the classiest displays I have ever seen by a Wycombe player. His skill and vision even eclipsing the great Noel Ashford, and that is saying something.

In fact his last five games all resulted in victories as Wycombe started a run of 12 consecutive league wins.

In his last three games he was partnered in midfield by Ashford, Andy Graham and Graham Bressington, surely the most talented midfield the club have put onto the field in recent decades.

As for Harrow not taking the FA Cup seriously, Silkman came on with 15 minutes left, his side were 3-0 down and had clearly run out of steam.

In the circumstances, it was a valid move if his manager believes he still retains his match winning abilities.

Eddie Stein is no mug, he knew what he was doing and the publicity created by the appearance of a 48-year-old in the FA Cup can only benefit a small club like Borough.

I think we should congratulate them for such a spirited display as for periods their midfield outplayed ours. But for the brilliance of Martin Taylor the result could have been uncomfortably close.

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HOW THEY STAND

Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
Wigan	18	8	1	0	14	5	2	6	1	10	8	37
Walsall	18	6	3	0	20	8	4	2	3	12	10	35
Rotherham	18	4	2	3	17	13	6	2	1	13	9	34
Millwall	17	6	1	2	18	5	4	2	2	15	10	33
Reading	18	7	1	1	29	9	3	1	5	8	13	32
Wycombe	18	6	1	2	16	8	2	4	3	4	7	29
Northampton	17	3	3	2	10	10	5	1	3	11	7	28
Bristol City	17	3	2	3	15	9	4	4	1	11	5	27
Stoke	17	4	2	2	13	6	3	4	2	13	14	27
Peterboro	18	5	2	2	15	10	2	1	6	8	13	24
Bury	18	4	2	3	10	12	3	1	5	7	11	24
Bristol R	16	0	5	2	5	8	5	2	2	18	9	22
Camb Utd	17	4	2	3	16	10	2	2	4	9	13	22
Wrexham	17	2	1	5	7	12	4	3	2	20	18	22
Brentford	16	4	3	2	10	13	1	4	2	7	12	22
Notts Co	17	2	3	3	12	13	4	0	5	6	14	21
Colchester	18	3	2	4	9	10	2	3	4	7	11	20
Bournemouth	18	2	4	3	9	8	2	3	4	17	16	19
Oldham	17	3	2	3	10	10	2	2	5	9	18	19
Port Vale	16	3	4	2	14	8	1	1	5	3	14	17
Swansea	17	2	3	4	9	10	2	2	4	7	12	17
Swindon	17	2	4	3	12	16	2	1	5	6	14	17
Luton	17	2	1	6	9	15	0	5	3	8	14	12
Oxford U	18	1	2	6	5	11	1	0	8	10	28	8