

Phelan's ready

YOUTH team boss Gary Goodchild watched rising star Leeyon Phelan bag two more goals in the reserves 2-1 win at Northampton and then declared: "He's ready for the first team."

The teenager took his tally to six goals in his last four games as he proved too hot for a Cobblers defence which included ex-Wanderer Gerard Lavin at right back.

Now Goodchild is convinced his 18-year-old starlet can do the business against second division defences as well.

He said: "I think he has got the quality. He is the top scorer in the youth team and he's the top scorer in the reserves. He's proved he can still get goals the higher up he goes and in my opinion he's worth a chance."

Phelan fired Wanderers into a fourth minute lead after triallist Leon Kelly had done the spadework and he doubled their advantage with a header from a Johnny Dixon cross.

He dropped back into midfield in the second half after Northampton had pulled a goal back.

But Wanderers who were made up almost exclusively of youth teamers - with only triallist Kelly and keeper Mark Osborn the exceptions held on to take the points.

Goodchild said: "Northampton had a few first teamers playing so it was a fantastic result for such a young side."

New deal for five

WANDERERS have offered new deals to five stars of the future.

Youth teamers Ian Simpemba, Leeyon Phelan, Roger Johnson, Mark Leach and goalkeeper Steve Williams have all been offered a third and final year's youth scholarship at Adams Park.

Johnson and Phelan have already featured in the first team squad and Wanderers have high hopes of the others following suit and keeping Wanderers' incredible conveyor belt of young talent going.

In the last three years seven players who began learning the ropes in Gary Goodchild and Adrian Cole's youth team have gone onto play for the first team.

Goodchild said: "That's a fantastic ratio."

● Meanwhile Wanderers are looking for help off the field to keep the production line going.

They need landlords to look after the new recruits joining the youth team set up in July.

Landlords must live within a one mile radius of Adams Park and provide bed, breakfast and an evening meal. In return they will be paid £70 a week.

For details call Julie Jarrett on (01494) 472100.

Time up for Holsgrove

PETER Holsgrove will be released by Wanderers at the end of the season - 12 months after his brother Lee was also shown the Adams Park exit sign.

The first year professional failed to make the progress he had been expected to and manager Lawrie Sanchez has told him he won't be kept on at the end of the season.

The striker's departure, without playing a first team game, marks the end of the Holsgrove era at Adams Park.

Brother Lee was released in Sanchez's summer clearout last year and is now playing in the Ryman League for Aldershot.

Youth team players Scott Dash and Ryan McCullagh have also been told they are being released.

HOW THEY STAND

Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
Millwall	44	16	2	4	44	11	11	6	5	39	26	89
Reading	43	15	3	3	53	21	10	6	6	27	24	84
Rotherham	42	15	4	3	48	25	9	5	6	25	28	81
Walsall	41	14	5	3	49	22	6	6	7	21	23	71
Wigan	43	12	8	1	29	16	6	9	7	22	23	71
Stoke	43	10	6	5	32	19	8	8	6	33	27	68
Bristol City	43	10	6	6	44	28	7	7	7	22	25	64
Bourem'th	42	9	6	6	33	23	8	6	7	37	28	63
Wrexham	42	10	5	7	32	27	6	6	8	30	36	59
Notts Co	41	8	5	6	31	27	8	6	8	22	31	59
Peterboro	42	11	5	4	34	24	3	8	11	22	37	55
Oldham	43	11	5	6	34	24	3	8	10	16	33	55
Port Vale	40	9	8	4	33	17	5	4	10	13	25	54
Northmptn	42	8	6	6	24	23	6	6	10	20	29	54
Brentford	41	8	8	4	27	25	5	7	9	21	32	54
Bury	43	10	5	7	24	21	5	4	12	17	33	54
Colchester	41	9	5	8	30	22	5	5	9	19	29	52
Wycombe	40	8	5	8	23	22	5	6	8	17	26	50
Camb Utd	42	7	6	8	29	28	6	3	12	26	43	48
Swindon	43	5	8	9	28	34	7	4	10	16	26	48
Bristol R	41	4	10	5	17	19	6	5	11	24	29	45
Luton	41	5	5	10	22	31	4	6	11	25	40	38
Swansea	41	4	8	7	18	20	3	4	15	20	46	33
Oxford U	42	4	3	14	19	32	2	2	17	27	58	23