

BLUES LOSE ESSO

Cup scorer is released along with six other Wanderers'

FA Cup hero Roy Essandoh heads a list of players released by manager Lawrie Sanchez in his big summer clearout.

Essandoh, whose quarter-final winner against Premiership Leicester City netted Blues a £1 million jackpot, joins Mo Harkin, Mark Westhead, Matt Brady, Guy Whittingham, John Nutter and George Clegg on the way out of Adams Park.

The seven were told the bad news by boss Lawrie Sanchez on Friday - who then picked five of his cast-offs in the squad for the following day's 1-1 draw

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with bitter rivals Colchester United.

Sanchez said: "It hasn't been an easy time for them but they showed their character.

"It was tough telling them that they weren't being kept on. It is the worst part of my job."

But there was relief for Andy Baird, Paul Emblen, Dave Carroll and Mark Osborn who were all kept on.

Essandoh's release comes just three months after he scored the most famous goal in Wanderers history.

The striker who joined Blues after answering an emergency SOS appeal put out by the club on teletext for goal-scoerers, wrote his name into Wycombe's and FA Cup folklore when he came off the bench at Filbert Street to head the injury-time winner. That goal took the club through to an FA Cup semi-final against Liverpool and remains his only goal in English football.

Within hours of his release his agent Mark Steele contacted Blues' Division Two rivals Cambridge United and they were at Adams Park watching him on Saturday.

● Police bracing themselves for violent clashes between football supporters ended up arresting three people for minor offences on Saturday.

Intelligence gained by High Wycombe police suggested that a hardcore element of organised Colchester fans were coming to Wycombe bent on causing trouble.

But a 70-strong police escorted for 80 travelling fans to and from the ground prevented any violence.