

Brucie's back for new generation

Forsyth takes on reserve manager's role as Blues overhaul second string

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League but decided to invest in it instead after lengthy discussions between the management and the board of directors.

They confirmed their decision to stay in the Football Combination at the League's June AGM and brought Forsyth back on Tuesday, two years after he retired as a player.

Forsyth, nicknamed Brucie, will take over from Terry Gibson, who will now be free to devote all his time to working alongside

manager Lawrie Sanchez with the first team.

Sanchez said: "It will make us stronger as a club. It's something all the bigger clubs have. There needs to be a progression team between the first team and the youth team where players can develop."

The decision to have a dedicated reserve section should strengthen the whole club.

The first team squad will become a smaller tighter-knit community with the emphasis on quality and match preparation, while Forsyth will be working to

bring the best out of the rest.

It will also give Wanderers the chance to work specifically at developing the individual talents of young stars like Danny Senda and Martyn Lee with specialist one-to-one sessions.

Sanchez said: "In the past Martyn Lee had to do exactly the same training as Michael Simpson was doing and he played 61 games last season. Now we'll be able to give them more time and work on the things they need."

Forsyth had been working with the youngsters at Derby County's academy and also worked part

time as a coach at Adams Park last season and Wanderers are delighted to get him signed up.

Gibson said: "We had to go either one way or the other with the reserves and deciding to appoint a reserve team coach is another sign that this club is moving in the right direction. It is part of the club's evolution."

Last year, the reserves finished second-from-bottom in the league. They were thumped 6-0 at Fulham as well as being beaten 5-1 by Brighton and 4-0 by Cheltenham at home, forcing Wanderers into the radical re-think.

WYCOMBE Wanderers have abandoned plans to scrap their reserve side and are now concentrating on strengthening it instead with the appointment of ex-player Michael Forsyth as reserve team boss.

The former Blues and Derby defender re-joined the club this week as Wanderers confirmed their commitment to keeping their second string going.

Wanderers had toyed with the idea of pulling the reserves out of the Avon Insurance Combination