

Stu Swans off to Blues

SWANSEA boss Colin Addison says Wycombe have got themselves a bargain in snapping up winger Stuart Roberts for £100,000.

The Vetch Field boss said: "I have worked at Atletico Madrid, Celta Vigo and elsewhere in Europe and I can tell you this kid can go all the way."

Blues expect to complete the signing of Swansea's Welsh U21 international today.

He has agreed a three-year-deal and will put pen-to-paper today subject to the results of yesterday's medical in London.

Addison did not want to sell his five-goal top scorer who he believes is destined for the top.

He was forced to accept Wycombe's cut-price bid because of Swansea's desperate financial situation. Players there are reportedly being asked to take 60 per cent pay cuts.

And Addison made it clear that Wycombe have got the 21-year-old for a song.

He said: "He's worth a lot more than that but it's out of my hands. I

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said a week ago when Tony Petty [Swansea chairman] told me about the deal that it was not enough and it was cheap.

"It's just a shame things were not better here financially so he could stay. I would have loved him to work with me for a year."

"He's a smashing lad and he has got the desire and the ability required. I'm sure it will not be long before we see him playing in the full Welsh side. And who is to say he will not move on again to the Premiership."

Wanderers will have to pay an extra £50,000 to the third division Swans if Roberts helps them to win promotion this term. There is also a sell-on clause, believed to be 25 per cent, if he leaves Adams Park.

Blues boss Lawrie Sanchez, who celebrated his 150th game in charge of the club during last Saturday's 1-1 draw with Bournemouth, is delighted to get his man.

He said: "He's got pace, he's

tenacious and he scores goals."

Roberts is expected to train with his new team-mates today but will not be included in the squad for tomorrow's trip to second placed Bristol City.

Sanchez said: "He's a young kid. He will improve over time. You won't see the best of him for a year or two years.

"He's got bags of potential and we're buying into that potential.

"He's not Darren Currie he hasn't got three hundred games under his belt, but he's quick, he's tenacious, he can play right wing and that's what we've bought him for.

"He can play up front as well, as he has done at Swansea and he's scored five goals in that position for them so he gives us a lot of options."

But he warned fans to be patient.

He said: "When you buy Currie you know what you're getting. You're getting a proven player. With a young kid you're buying into promise and we think he's got a lot of promise and will do well here but supporters have got to give him time."



Stuart Roberts (right) for Swansea against Stoke