

Farewell to a Wycombe superstar



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IT'S the end of an era at Adams Park with good old Dave Carroll leaving for Aldershot after 14 years here.

He has been a tremendous servant for the club and we all wish him well.

Dave has had a fantastic career at Wycombe but unfortunately he's had a few injuries over the past 18 months which have meant he hasn't seen too much first team action.

He just wants to play football and moving into the Ryman League has given him that chance.

I must admit it's not something I would have done if the boot had been on the other foot. When my time comes to stop playing for Wycombe, you won't see me going into the Ryman League or its equivalent.

I'm not saying I would walk away from the game, but I would definitely turn my back on the playing side of things.

There are a lot of young players in the Ryman League who have been released by Football League clubs and they are out to make a point, so it can be tough for ex-professionals as they battle down the league.

But good luck to Dave, we all wish him well.

It's a funny time at football clubs at the moment. With lads being out of contract in the summer it's an uncertain time everywhere. But I must say at Wycombe the atmosphere in the dressing room is fantastic and the banter is just the same.

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It is strange though because when someone does leave it is like losing a member of your family.

The lads probably see more of each other than we do our families. When we are on the road we often eat, drink and sleep together. It is just like having another family so it is strange when someone does leave.

But as players go they are replaced with new ones.

Myself and Martin Taylor watched the reserve game at Adams Park and got our first look at our new striker Richard Harris.

He looks like he could be a very good acquisition. He's got pace, strength and looks as though he can get among the goals.

And I was as gobsmacked as everyone else when he took a throw-in. It's as good as a corner. He can throw it as far as some people kick it.

He looked a good player as well. I'm always pleased when someone new comes in. It freshens the whole thing up and makes you knuckle down even harder. I'm certainly not one to roll over and have my stomach tickled. I will dig in and fight for my place.

You need to have competition for places in every department otherwise you can have a situation where people are living in the comfort zone and footballers are a breed of people who need to live on the edge.