

Cousins' Celtic testimonial is postponed

FOOTBALL

WYCOMBE stalwart Jason Cousins has had to postpone his potentially lucrative testimonial against Celtic after being unable to find a ground which would hold the game.

The 31-year-old defender is still hoping to rearrange the game between Wanderers and Martin O'Neill's side for mid-season but the postponement will come as a blow.

Wanderers fans would have flocked to the game, not only to be able to pay tribute to one of the Blues' all-time heroes, but also see the Scottish

champions, with players like Swedish star Henrik Larsson.

Celtic had agreed to the testimonial because they were in the area, training at nearby Bisham Abbey.

Now Cousins will have to try and re-arrange it for during the season, which could be tricky due to Celtic's European ambitions or Wanderers' cup exploits.

Cousins said: "I'm disappointed but,

for one reason or another, we've not been able to go ahead. It would have been ideal but I'm still trying to speak to Celtic and we're looking to have it during the season.

"I'd like to get something going because clubs of the size of Celtic don't come along that often."

If it does go ahead, Cousins will be able to use Adams Park, which has been out of bounds during the pre-season due to the installation of undersoil heating and a new Desso pitch laid on it.

Cousins had been forced to look

round other grounds and considered Oxford, Reading and Watford.

Watford was a likely option until the exorbitant cost of policing the event stopped it from going ahead.

Cousins, who recently signed for Aldershot was released by Blues boss Lawrie Sanchez in the summer.

The former skipper made 442 appearances for the club, helping them to Wembley Trophy Final and play-off glory. He was an integral part of their rise into the Football League and played in last season's FA Cup semi-final