

McGavin joins the gaffer's game

FORMER Wanderers star Steve McGavin is taking his first steps on the management ladder with Jewson Eastern Premier League stragglers Harwich and Parkeston.

The 32-year-old will cut his teeth in the management game with a team that is marooned six points adrift at the bottom of their division.

He told the Free Press: "I've always wanted to get into management. I've had my eye on it for the last two or three years.

"I've thrown myself in at the deep end. I know it is going to be difficult but I'm looking forward to it. I've got to keep the team up. That's the bottom line.

"It's a tough job but I've got to start somewhere. I want to go on and manage better teams at higher levels but I've got to get

experience first."

McGavin played under Martin O'Neill, Alan Smith and John Gregory at Adams Park, as well as having spells at Colchester United, Birmingham City and Dagenham and Redbridge.

He said: "I've been lucky to play under some really good managers and there's many things I will take from them. I've also played under some not so good managers and I think I've learned some of the things not to do as well from them."

McGavin will cut his teeth as a player/manager to start with before hanging up his boots at the end of next season and concentrating full-time on management.

● Ex Wycombe goalie Brian Parkin called on his old club for help this week as he also cuts his

teeth in the management game.

Parkin, who was once the victim of a cruel Clean Sheet Day when Blues fans took clean sheets to York to remind the luckless glovesman what a clean sheet looked like, is now part of Team Bath's management set up.

He rang the Blues this week asking for a video of Wanderers' 3-3 draw with Mansfield earlier this season as he plots the downfall of the Stags in the FA Cup this weekend.

● Another old boy Dave Carroll has seen his chances of finding a new Ryman League club dealt a blow by a typing mistake after being released by Aldershot.

The Ryman League circular should have read that he was a Non Contract player but instead it said that he was a Non Contact player.