

Spurs Whizzkid says thank you to Blues

1/4/03

Midweek

FORMER Blues footballer Michael Malcolm has thanked Wycombe Wanderers for putting him on the brink of Premiership stardom.

Spurs could end up paying nearly £500,000 for the young forward if he goes onto play for England and Malcolm, 17, is pleased to be able to give something back.

He said: "Wycombe played a big part in my development. I gained a lot from my time there and looked up to the senior players, especially the strikers. I hope the money

By **DAVID BRAWN**

is a help to the club because I am thankful for the coaching and the time they gave me."

Malcolm has been involved in the England U18 set-up in recent weeks, playing in France as one of the more experienced members of the squad. He has been progressing well at Tottenham and made an impact in the reserves this season. With many Nationwide League clubs struggling for survival this season, Malcolm has been keeping a close interest in

Wanderers' fortunes.

From his lofty position in the Premiership club's reserve side, he told the Free Press: "I do keep an eye out for the results, especially to see how Wycombe are doing. Everyone there was good to me.

"I feel happy that people will remember me in the future for the money they receive. My time at Wycombe has been mutually beneficial for me and the club."

Malcolm joined the Blues as an ambitious youngster but says he did not realise

what lay ahead.

He said: "I signed when I was ten. In the first two years we were just training. Only later did we have some matches. As time went on I was surprised at the amount of interest in me.

"I wanted to join a Premiership club and was pleased to sign for Spurs. I am still happy at Tottenham and hope that I will make the first team.

"If I do then I would like to think it will be a proud day for the coaches that helped me during my four years at Wycombe."