

O'Neill back at Adams Park tonight



MARTIN O'Neill returns to Adams Park tonight with 18 of the players who helped Wanderers win promotion to the Football League ten years ago.

O'Neill, Wanderers' manager at the time, returns to Wycombe for a tenth anniversary dinner with the fans just 48 hours after his Celtic side were beaten 3-2 by Porto in the UEFA Cup Final and just two days before The Bhoys defend their Scottish title against Kilmarnock.

Wanderers spokesman Alan Hutchinson said: "It is a measure of the man and the affection that he holds for this club that he has remembered Wycombe in between two of the biggest games of his life."

O'Neill joined Wanderers in February 1990 after a chance meeting with Wanderers director Alan Parry in the gents toilets at Norwich City when they were commentating on a match and the rest is history.

O'Neill led Wanderers to Wembley twice in the FA Trophy Final, steered them out of the Conference and into the Football League and then led them to promotion in their first season via the play-offs.

Since then he has moved to Norwich, Leicester and now Celtic and he is widely tipped to become the next manager of Manchester United.

O'Neill will be joined at Adams Park for tonight's sold-out celebration by ex-players Paul Hyde, Matt Crossley, Andy Kerr, Glynn Creaser, Anton Vircavs, Simon Stapleton, Hakan Hayrettin, Keith Ryan, Steve Thompson, Simon Hutchinson, Steve Guppy, Dennis Greene, Kim Casey, Tim Langford, Dave Carroll, Chuck Moussadik, Gary Smith and Mark West.

Jason Cousins and Keith Scott, who were also part of the promotion winning team, are away on holiday.

Current Wanderers boss Lawrie Sanchez will also be in attendance.