

FORMER Wycombe Wanderers star Mark West has been unveiled as the new manager of Thame United after Andy Sinnott's resignation on Thursday evening.

The Adams Park goal machine was named player-manager at the weekend but he has no illusions about the challenge he faces.

He said: "It's going to be a hard season with financial restrictions.

"We're probably going to have the lowest budget in the league and it's going to be very difficult for my first job but it's a challenge.

"Everybody's got to start somewhere. It's not ideal but I'm looking forward to it."

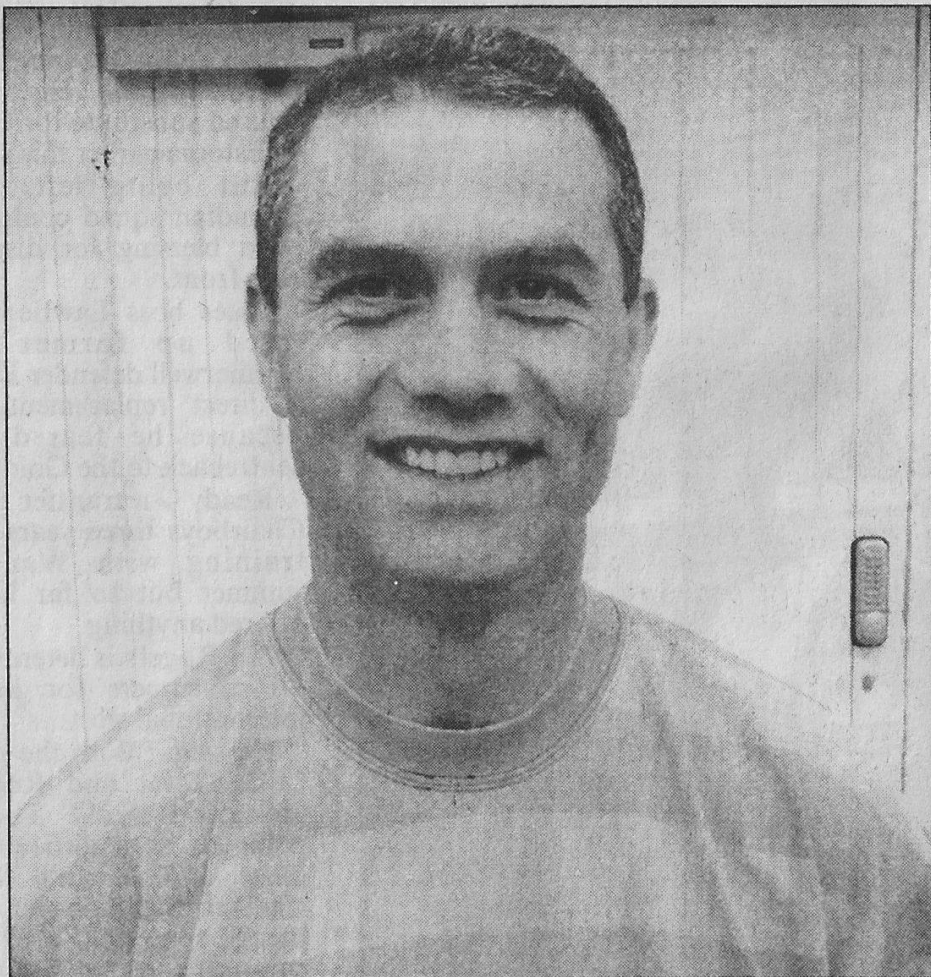
The 37-year-old has been the assistant manager of Thame for two years and has also played under Martin O'Neill during his time at Wycombe.

West was a key player under the Wanderers' legend, scoring 171 goals in 381 appearances for the club including the winner in the 1991 FA Trophy final against Kidderminster to give O'Neill his first trophy in management.

But West, who was also the Mail on Sunday's Non-League Player of the Year in 1991, says he will be his own man in management.

He said: "I must have had about 15 managers during my career. Hopefully, I've learnt management skills from them over the years.

"But you've got to have your own ideas in management and I've got lots of them.



New manager: Mark West is the new Thame boss