

Wycombe scouts take to their desktop

WYCOMBE Wanderers are compiling a database of the country's top young players so that they will be ready to swoop when they fail to make the cut at big clubs like Manchester United, Chelsea and Arsenal.

The Blues have taken to watching Premiership clubs' U17 and U19s matches and logging their players details onto the computer so that they will be in pole position to swoop when it comes to release time in the summer.

Reserve boss Peter Cawley, who watched Manchester United take on Arsenal at U17 and U19 level

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last week said: "Arsenal will probably only take on two from their U19 side and get rid of nine or ten.

"We want to be in a position that when they do publish their released lists, we know something about the players on them.

"There's no guarantees that they will be good enough but every now and then Arsenal or Manchester United do make a mistake."

Football is littered with examples of youngsters coming back to haunt clubs who once released them, such as Peter Beardsley who was released by Manchester United as a youngster before bouncing back to have a glittering career at the top of the tree with Liverpool, Newcastle and England.

The plan should give Wanderers a headstart in the queue. In the past they have joined scores of other scouts in attending Exit Trials which have been set up by the PFA to showcase released youngsters."

Rejects who came back to make it

David Platt released by Man Utd
Peter Beardsley released by Man Utd
Kevin Phillips released by So'ton
Steve Guppy released by Southampton
Des Walker released by Spurs
Robbie Savage released by Man Utd
Kerry Dixon released by Spurs
Peter Crouch released by Spurs