

ADAMS LOOKS SET FOR BLUES

TONY Adams has emerged as the red-hot favourite to be named Wycombe Wanderers new manager tomorrow.

The Blues have called a press conference for 11am at which the Midweek understands the former Arsenal and England skipper is set to be confirmed as the club's new boss.

Blues chairman Ivor Beeks said: "There are some exciting times ahead and I'm looking forward to Wednesday and the future.

"It's been a hard and long time but we are very excited."

He refused to be drawn on who has got the job, but the Midweek understands Adams has already accepted his first management post and will be unveiled tomorrow.

Adams' agent Steve Kutner confirmed his client, who is halfway through a sports science degree at Brunel University, has had two interviews with Wanderers.

Adams, who has no managerial experience, doesn't have his own number two in place and he could be happy to work alongside John Gorman who he knows from his England days.

Gorman, who has been holding the fort in a caretaker capacity for the last month, will take charge of the team for tonight's trip to league leaders Plymouth Argyle in the second round of the LDV Vans Trophy.

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Adams was capped 66 times by England and made 668 appearances for Arsenal winning four English league titles, three FA Cups, a European Cup Winners Cup and two League Cups.

And he has won his biggest battle off the pitch, winning his fight against alcoholism.

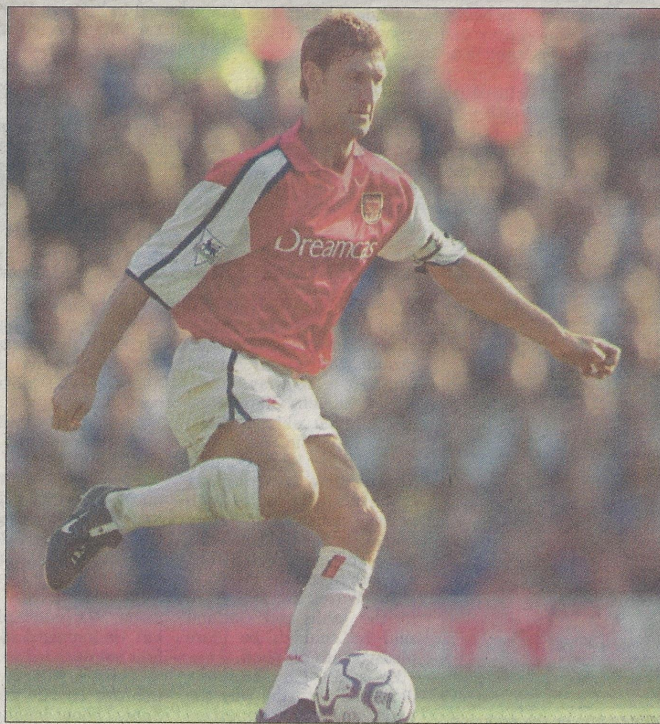
His former England and Arsenal team-mate Alan Smith told our sister paper the Free Press on Friday that his ex-colleague could be an inspired choice.

He said: "He's a natural leader. As a captain at Arsenal he was second to none. He took on the responsibility at a very young age and did it naturally.

"Leadership and motivational-wise he would command authority. He has got the respect of everyone throughout the game for what he has achieved on the pitch and for how he has recovered from his troubles off it."

The new boss has got a big job on his hands though.

The Blues slipped back to the bottom of the table on Saturday, going down 2-0 at Swindon Town, who they meet again in the FA Cup first round on Saturday.



Going for a Gunner: Former England and Arsenal legend Tony Adams is expected to be unmasked as Blues' new manager at a press conference tomorrow morning