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Dawning of a new era

Footballing legend Adams is named new Blues boss

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WYCOMBE Wanderers are expecting a bumper crowd to welcome new boss Tony Adams when they entertain Swindon in the FA Cup first round tomorrow (ko 3pm).

The town has gone football crazy since the 37-year-old former Arsenal and England captain was paraded as the club's new manager at a packed press conference, beamed live on Sky television, on Wednesday.

He will have former England assistant manager John Gorman working alongside him as his number two.

Adams said: "I'm under no illusions about the nature and scale of the challenge. I will be judged ultimately on the results I deliver and not on any past reputation."

"I would not have taken the job at this great club unless I genuinely believed it was right for me and that I could do it justice in the eyes of the directors, staff and most particularly the fans. I will be cutting my management teeth at Wycombe but I will be doing so with a deep understanding of the game and a very strong desire to make this important partnership in my life a real success."

And the recovering alcoholic insisted that the high pressure world of football management would not drive him back to the drink.

"If it gets tough I will go to an AA meeting," he said. "I know how not to have a drink a day at a time."

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