

Beeks: Our dream team

Adams and former England coach team up together

CHAIRMAN Ivor Beeks hailed his new managerial team of Tony Adams and John Gorman as the dream ticket.

He said: "I'm more excited now than I have been at any time during my time as chairman.

"We think it is a great way forward with the dream team that we have got.

"It is going to be exciting and hopefully we can climb away from the bottom of the league and up to where we want to be."

He is convinced Blues made the right choice in picking 37-year-old Adams out from more than 60 people who applied for the post.

He said: "If you've played with the best, for the best, under the best - some of that has got to rub off."

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Adams, the former England and Arsenal skipper was unveiled at a packed press conference on Wednesday, exactly 20 years to the day that he kicked off his playing career as a 17-year-old.

He will work alongside former England assistant manager John Gorman, who has decided to stay on in an advisory role after holding the fort for a month in a caretaker capacity.

The press conference attracted more than 100 journalists and was televised live on Sky Television.

Beeks beamed: "This is a major coup for Wycombe Wanderers. We've got the former England captain and

the former England assistant manager working for us. It is a great day in the history of the club."

Blues are delighted to have Gorman and Adams working in tandem as Adams takes his first steps in management just 17 months after hanging up his boots.

Wanderers director Alan Parry said: "It's an open-ended and flexible arrangement which we think will give Tony the opportunity to get to know the players, the football club and Division Two having spent his entire playing career at the top level.

"We believe by combining Tony's leadership qualities and John's experience we've got pretty much the perfect team.

"Tony Adams is clearly a winner and that's the quality that we're sure he is going to bring to Wycombe."

Adams, who is the most successful captain in Arsenal's history winning four league titles and captaining England, took his first job in football management after seeking advice from legendary former Wycombe manager Martin O'Neill, who is now in charge of Celtic.

He also took advice from Kevin Keegan and his former Arsenal bosses George Graham and Arsene Wenger before taking the plunge.

And Adams, who turned down other jobs to take the Wycombe hotseat, can't wait to get started.

He said: "It's a big challenge. I'm really excited and can't wait to get going. It was something I was going to do one day, somewhere.

It just happens to be the right time for me and the right place at the moment."

And he is delighted to have Gorman, who was Glenn Hoddle's assistant manager at England and Spurs, working alongside him.

He said: "It was important John was here to assist me and give me all the help I will need.

"I have worked with him at England level and I wanted to persuade him to stay."

Gorman, who hasn't signed a contract, is thrilled to be working in tandem with Adams.

He said: "Tony Adams is and always will be a winner, he's proved that throughout his career and in his life. I feel part of this club now. He needs experience and he needs help and I just want to help him and the club to get off the bottom.

"Tony's appointment can only help the club and we can only go on from here."