

Players' reaction to Adams' appointment

Steve Brown: "It will certainly put bums on seats. He's had an illustrious playing career and you can't question what he's done and hopefully he can continue that."

"He's worked under some great managers, George Graham and Arsene Wenger, and if he can use some of that along with John's experience it can only be good for the football club and Tony's career."

"It's a massive surprise and I'm delighted John Gorman is staying on as well."

"The players would run through walls for John and I'm sure it will be exactly the same for Tony."

"We need to get everyone in the same boat and rowing in the same direction and I'm sure Tony will get us rowing even harder."

Stuart Roberts: "I'm looking forward to working with Tony Adams. He's a big name."

"He's young and he's going to be enthusiastic and I'm sure he will bring commitment and determination and he will probably tighten up the defence."

"I've thoroughly enjoyed working with John Gorman and we're glad he's staying."

Keith Ryan (an Arsenal fan): "I went to a dinner with the famous Arsenal back four once and got all the autographs of all of the back four for a relative except his because he had to go early. Perhaps I've got the chance now."

Michael Simpson: "He has played at the highest level and played for England so it should be good. Quite a few of the players are gutted John didn't get it, but we will give Tony Adams our full support and hopefully start climbing up the league."

Fans' reaction to the new face

Alf Faulkner, of Aylesbury, said: "I think it is a pretty good idea and I think he might put some strength in the defence which is the major problem in the side – and with John Gorman by his side I think they will make a good pair."

"Wycombe was Martin O'Neill's first management job and at least Tony Adams will bring some experience which is a good thing."

Glen Garrick, of Aylesbury said: "I think it's a good move. He will bring some defensive ideas in which is what they need at the moment."

"He has got good leadership qualities and that is what we need at the moment and you've only got to look at Martin O'Neill and what he's done."

Derrick Burnham, of Tylers Green, who has been watching Wycombe since the 1950s, said: "I don't think it will work. Just look at the defence and I think they will go down this year."

"It all started with the poor performances last year and it has continued. Tony Adams did used to play with his heart on his sleeve and with his Arsenal connections, who knows?"

"Thierry Henry has said he would play football for nothing and that's exactly what we have – nothing – so it would be nice to see him down here and playing for us."

Richard Flower, of Farnham Common, said: "It's a great move to have him as a manager. I think he has got to prove himself as a manager but he has got the experience of playing at the highest level and with John Gorman here it's a good combination and it's very exciting."

"It should bring the fans in."

Studying the form books

TONY Adams already has one thing in common with legendary Blues boss Martin O'Neill – both were studying for degrees when they joined the Blues.

Adams is doing a sports science degree at Brunel University and Martin O'Neill was studying law when he arrived.

Now the Wanderers board will be hoping their homework has paid off and that Adams achieves the same top grades that O'Neill has.