

Adams given a £70,000 welcome gift

■ TONY Adams was given a £70,000 welcome present when he signed on the dotted line to be Wycombe Wanderers' new manager on Wednesday.

Blues' shirt sponsors Loans.co.uk have put in a 'substantial amount of cash' to give the new gaffer a transfer kitty and other businesses have followed suit.

Loans chief Steve Hayes said: "I am sure Tony Adams can bring the players in if we can get some money together for him.

"If we can help by putting a few quid in let's hope some

others might follow suit.

"It is very exciting what is going on here and we just want to help the club."

But Adams looks set to keep the money in his pocket for the time being.

He said: "I've got a bunch of guys here already and I'm going to have a look at those and work with those first off and see what they produce and see what's in the youth team.

■ THE new gaffer could not believe the interest in him when he walked into Wednesday morning's press conference to announce his arrival.

More than 80 pressmen were there and the whole thing was broadcast live on Sky television.

He said: "This is a bigger than an England press conference."

■ TONY Adams was paraded before the press as The Chairboys new boss 20 years to the day that he made his Arsenal debut.

On that day, Wycombe beat Bognor Regis Town 2-1 in the Isthmian League Premier Division away from home.

Blues finished seventh that year. Ten years later they won the Conference.

■ FORMER Blues boss Martin O'Neill told Adams to go for the Blues job.

Adams said: "He told me this was the place to start. They all did. People have been really supportive."

■ GUNNERS boss Wenger asked Adams if Wycombe Wanderers were a professional club when his former captain first told him about the job he was applying for!

■ TONY Adams started his new job early, going on a scouting mission to watch Arsenal reserves take on Watford reserves on Monday night.