

Adams will be a big success says Tyler

BIG-MATCH commentator Martin Tyler has tipped Tony Adams to be a top manager one day.

The Sky Sports commentator reckons the fledgling Wanderers boss has all the credentials to shine.

He said: "Management is a tough, tough game but Tony is a really tough guy and I'm sure he will be a big success in management."

Tyler, who will commentating on tonight's second round clash, has seen Adams' leadership qualities countless times on the pitch and he is sure

they will rub off from the dugout.

He said: "You only have to look at what he did as a player and all that he achieved. He is very determined and he always played with his heart on his sleeve."

"We all know that Wycombe is an academy for managers with Martin O'Neill and John Gregory and I see no reason why Tony Adams can't join them."

"I totally understand why the Wycombe board have chosen him. It's very early days and I understand he's

not got a lot of money."

And Adams will be hoping that Tyler's presence on the gantry will have a good effect on Blues.

Tyler was the commentator for Wanderers' FA Cup quarter-final win at Premier-ship Leicester City and was also the man behind the mike for their dramatic 4-3 win at Hayes the following season.

And Tyler - who played his last ever Isthmian League game for Corinthian Casuals in a 1-1 draw against Wanderers at Loakes Park - can't wait for the action to get

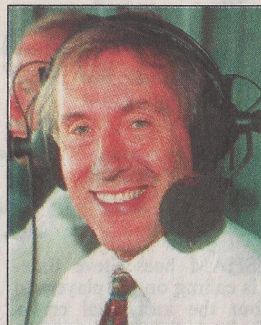
started tonight.

He said: "I'm doing Newcastle/Liverpool on Saturday morning. I've got a car to take me to the north east immediately after the game and I could have said I didn't want to do Wycombe."

"But I'm really looking forward to it. I love the FA Cup - I played in it at a low level and I've still got one or two of the programmes."

"The FA Cup is not like that for everyone now, but it is for me. I think it is super special."

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match it is live on Sky Sports tonight with Tyler commentating (ko 7.45pm).

FA Cup big match stats & facts

- Wycombe manager Tony Adams played in four FA Cup finals with Arsenal winning three in 1993, 1998 and 2002.
- Adams' last match for Arsenal before he retired was the 2002 FA Cup final against Chelsea (Arsenal won 2-0).
- Adams and Mansfield player-manager Keith Curle have met before in the FA Cup. They played against each other twice when Arsenal met Wolves in the 1998 semi-final and the 4th round in 1999 (Arsenal won both times 1-0 and 2-1).
- Wycombe reached the semi-final of the FA Cup in 2000-01. Mansfield's best ever run was reaching the quarter-finals in 1968-69. They beat West Ham (who included World Cup winners Bobby Moore, Geoff Hurst and Martin Peters in their team) 3-0 at home in the fifth round.
- This is the first FA Cup meeting between Wycombe and Mansfield.
- Mansfield are the top scorers in the English football league this season with 46 goals.
- Adams has been in charge of Wycombe for four matches. His only win came in his first match (4-1 in FA Cup 1st round at home to Swindon).
- Mansfield boss Keith Curle has just been crowned manager of the month.
- Wycombe are bottom of the second division. Mansfield are third in Division Three.