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ADAMS FORCED TO CHANGE IT

WANDERERS boss Tony Adams will have to shuffle his pack again tonight as the Blues take on Mansfield in an FA Cup second round replay.

Loan duo Stephen Taylor and Luke Moore, who both starred in Saturday's 1-1 draw at Notts County on Saturday, are ineligible for tonight's Field Mill return.

Neither signed in time to comply with the FA's seven day rule for the competition.

Their absence will be a huge blow to Blues as they slug it out with the third division sharpshooters for the right to entertain first division Burnley in the third round on January 3.

Moore, 20, a striker plucked from Aston Villa's table topping reserve side showed, some great touches and almost had a debut goal to remember while 17-year-old Newcastle United defender Taylor was vying with Roger Johnson for the man-of-the-match award at Meadow Lane.

Boss Adams is delighted to have them both on board for a month as he bids to haul Wanderers off the bottom of the second division table.

And the gaffer was chuffed with the first impressions as both made their League debuts.

He said: "They both looked good."

Moore is part of the Villa reserve team which is top of its league and four years ago made the first team's substitutes' bench as a 16 year-old against Middlesbrough.

He said: "I couldn't wait to come to Wycombe. There's no-one better than Tony Adams and I know I can learn a lot from him while I'm here."

And ironically he already knows Taylor. The pair of them made their England U16 debuts at the same time.

And Taylor's performance on Saturday – after only meeting up with his new team-mates in the hotel at

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lunchtime – left Adams in a hurry to see more of the no-nonsense defender.

He said: "I can't wait to work with him. He had hardly met the lads but he went straight out there and started organising people and was very impressive. I look for heads as well as talent and this kid has got a good head. He's mentally tough."

"I want to get him in the Newcastle team. I am going to work on him in training and hopefully he will do a job for Wycombe which he has done already. He had a fantastic 90 minutes for us and hopefully I can pass on a few things that will work for both of us."

And the admiration is mutual.

Taylor, who has just come back from the World Youth Championships with England in Dubai, said: "Tony Adams is my idol and to come to Wycombe Wanderers is something else."

"It's a great chance and a great challenge for me."

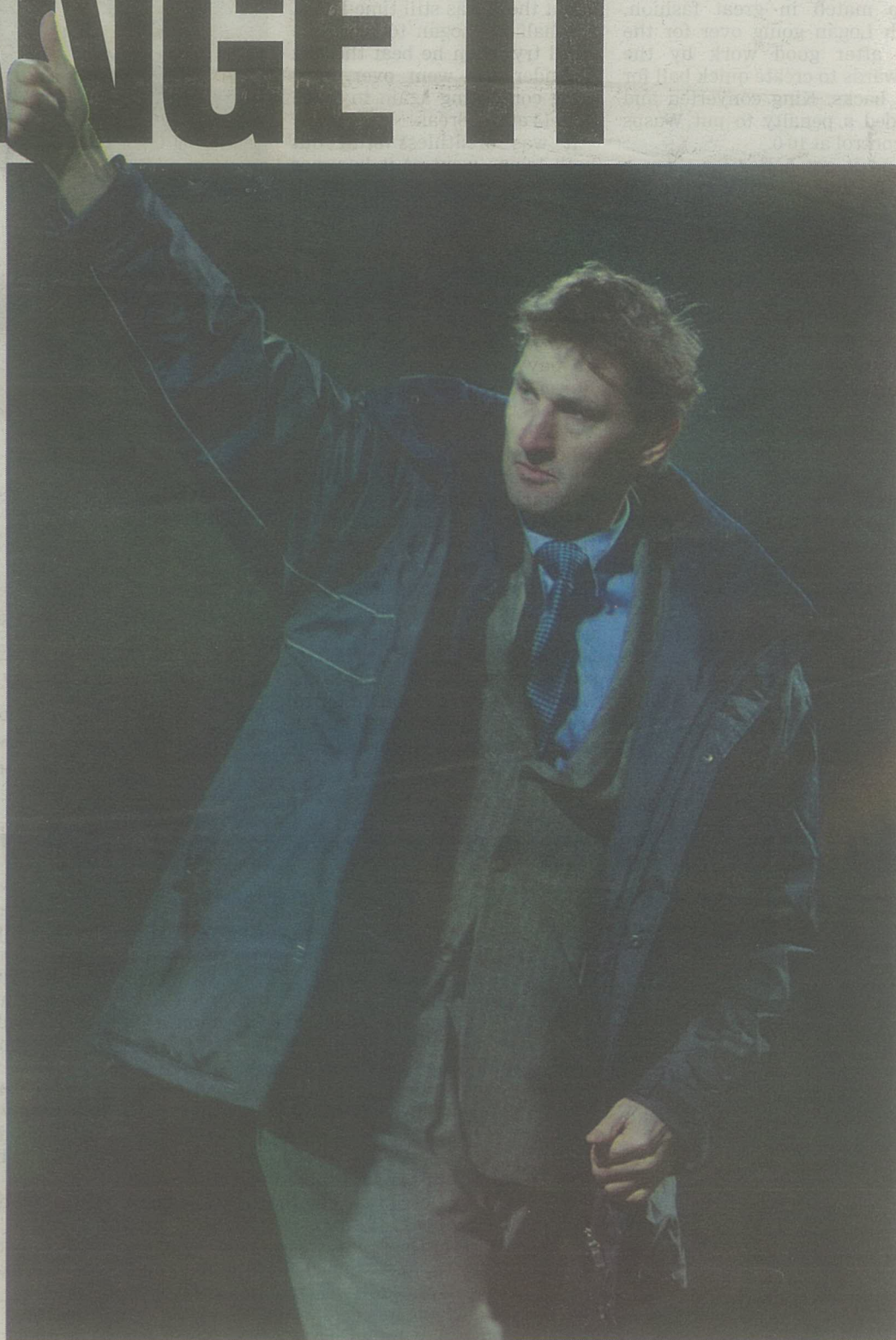
Wanderers will take a party of 18 players up the M1 tonight for a clash against a Mansfield side who lost 2-1 at home to Lincoln City on Saturday.

Centre half Scott Marshall, who missed Saturday's trip to Notts County with the flu, remains a big doubt.

He didn't train yesterday and Wanderers are hoping that the extra day's bed rest will have done the trick.

Meanwhile the players not on cup replay duty will feature in tomorrow night's home match against the St Vincent and Grenadines national side (ko 7.45pm).

That match has been delayed by 24 hours to avoid a clash with the Mansfield game and Wanderers are likely to give a run out to a Finnish goalkeeper who has been on trial with them.



Thumbs up: Blues boss Tony Adams acknowledges an improved Wanderers performance against Notts County on Saturday but he will have to make changes tonight