

Wasps propose five-year groundshare deal with Wanderers

WASPS have proposed a five-year groundshare at Wycombe Wanderers – but Blues have rejected the details of it and called for more talks.

The Zurich Premiership champions, who moved in with Wanderers in August, 2002, have asked for a five-year deal starting from next season but with several conditions attached, which include increasing the capacity at the stadium.

Wanderers are now hoping to negotiate some of the clauses and are set to respond with a counter proposal.

More talks are now being planned and it is possible that Wasps could sign up for five years with opt-out clauses at the end of the first two years.

● Striker Andy Bell has been given another month to impress manager Tony Adams.

The former Blackburn Rovers trainee originally joined Blues on a

three month deal last September but that has twice been extended twice and he now has until February 29.

● Craig Faulconbridge reacted to being dumped on the transfer list by scoring his first goal for almost a year in the reserves' 3-1 defeat at Millwall on Tuesday.

He headed in a 13th minute equaliser from a Matt Warner cross but the Lions then hit back with two more goals before half time.

Faulconbridge then had to play the second half in the unaccustomed position of centre back as both Wanderers central defenders Stuart Hole and Roger Johnson went off injured.

And the Falcon, with veteran Steve Brown at his side, could be proud of his defensive display helping the Blues to keep a clean sheet in the second half.

Wanderers: Talia, Gregory, Hole, Brown, Johnson, McClurg, Roberts, Bloomfield, Faulconbridge, Warner, Philo. **Subs:** Bell, Gott, Tungatt, Dixon, Holligan

● Wanderers are keeping their fingers crossed that tonight's match against Sheffield Wednesday beats the big freeze because it is worth £10,000 in television money to them.

The match is being shown live on Sky and Wanderers as the away team will receive £10,000 with hosts Wednesday receiving £40,000.

If the match is off, neither club will get paid.

But Wednesday officials were yesterday confident that their undersoil heating system would ensure the game takes place.

● Wanderers will stage the second of their members-only talk shops on Monday, at which they will try and persuade the membership to allow outside investors to join the club.

The cash-strapped Blues, who had to ask their players to take a wage deferment earlier this season, are keen to get

more money pumped into the club and are considering a share issue among their options, as well as an extension of the loan notes scheme.

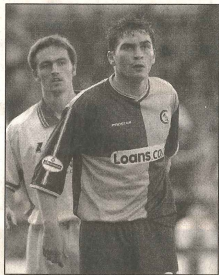
But they need the support of 75 per cent of the membership before they can introduce any changes and are keen to hear their views as well as listen to any ideas the members may have.

The meeting on Wednesday, which was postponed because of the snow, will also be re-arranged.

● The Blues are set to hold a travel meeting with Wasps, fans and residents regarding access and egress to matches as well as parking issues.

The meeting will take place in the Keen Lounge on February 24.

● Boss Tony Adams has let wideman Lewis Cook join Steve Claridge's Dr Martens League championship chasers Weymouth on one month's loan.



Extension: Andy Bell