

Didn't Forsyth do well!

YOUTH team manager Michael Forsyth will leave the club next Friday after producing almost an entire team of home-grown players.

He will leave by mutual consent after he found his job description changed with the arrival of Colin Barnes as the club's new Youth Development Officer.

Forsyth, who also played for the Blues, produced nine players in his role as youth team boss who later went on and played for the first team – just two short of his own Forsyth side.

He said: "I'm quite proud of my record. I'm sad to be leaving in many ways but it is time to move on."

The nine players he has pushed into the first team are: Marc Leach, Ian Simpemba, Steve Williams, Lewis Cook, Luke Oliver, Jonny Dixon, Billy Harding, Andy Reilly and Mark Philo, who made his debut coming on as a substitute in the draw at Barnsley on Saturday."

Forsyth said: "I know some of them have left the club now but I'm pleased with that record."

And he was chuffed to bits to see Reilly earn his first Scotland U21 cap ten days ago when he came on as a substitute against Hungary in a friendly at Livingston.

He said: "Andy only started playing football when he was 14 and when he first came here he looked out of sorts. He looked like he couldn't kick the ball properly but he has really come on and is an exciting prospect."

Forsyth played in the top flight for West Bromwich Albion and Derby County before John Gregory brought him to Adams Park in December 1996.

He made 58 appearances for Wanderers before being forced to retire with a knee injury.

He was then brought back to



End of an era: Michael Forsyth is leaving the Blues

the club as reserve team boss before moving on to become the manager of the youth team.

Forsyth now plans to take some time out before deciding his next move as he bids to step up the management ladder.

He said: "When I was a player my ambition was to play at the highest level and I did that with Derby and West Brom. Now I'm on the coaching side I want to manage at the highest level.

"I think I have gone about it the right way starting with the reserves and the kids and now I will look for my next move."

Forsyth career in the game started at West Brom under

their youth team manager, the former England World Cup winner Nobby Stiles.

Forsyth said: "I had a pretty good grounding under him. He said to me 'wherever you are make sure you wear the badge with pride' and I think I have done that everywhere I have been."

Wanderers and Forsyth have agreed a settlement over the remaining ten months of his contract at Wycombe.

Forsyth said: "I've really enjoyed being at the club both as a player and a coach and I would like to thank the chairman for all his support over the years."