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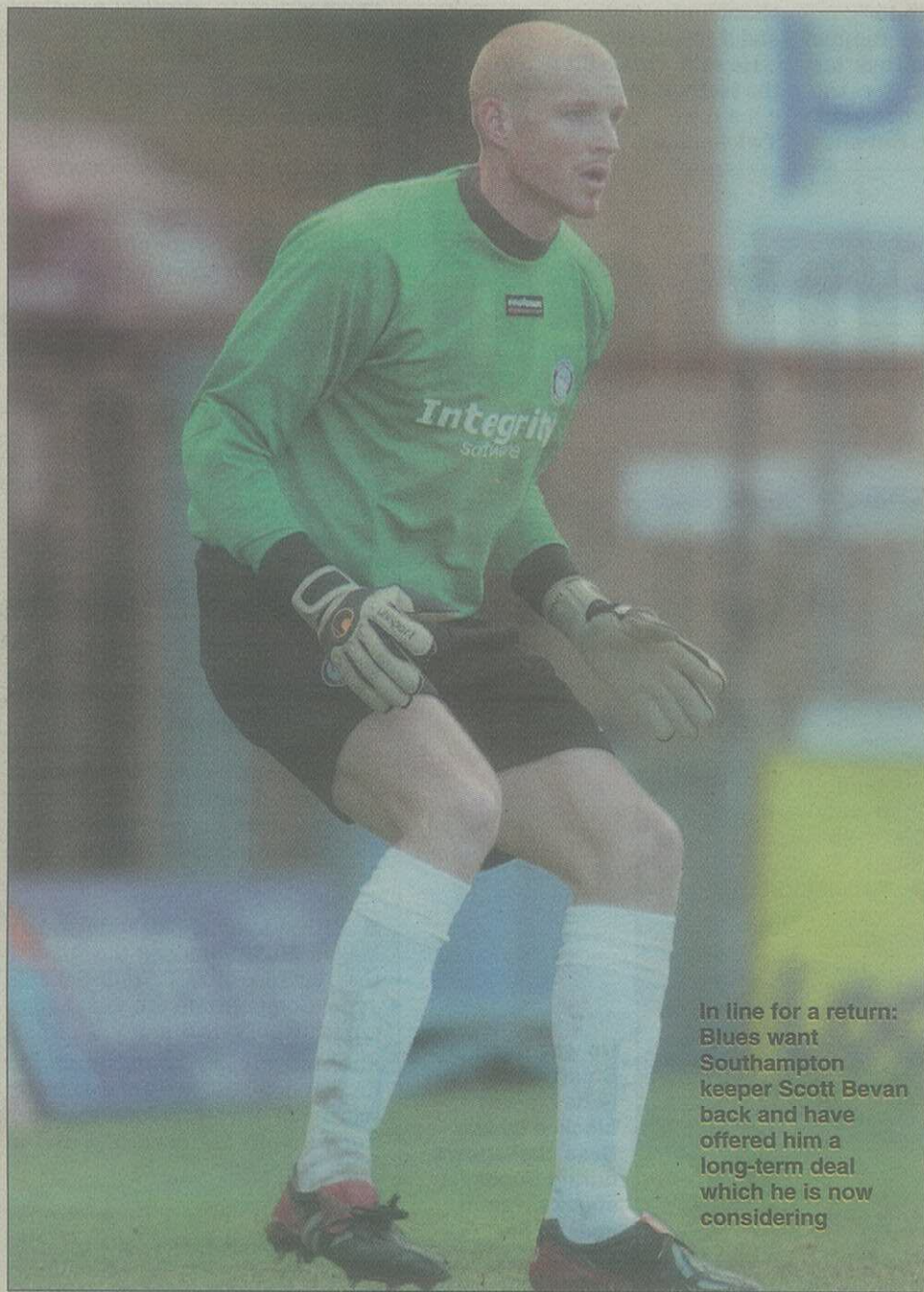
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In line for a return: Blues want Southampton keeper Scott Bevan back and have offered him a long-term deal which he is now considering

ADAMS: I WANT BEVAN BACK

But snag means Williams faces Bristol City tonight

BLUES boss Tony Adams' hopes of re-signing keeper Scott Bevan from Southampton in time for tonight's trip to Bristol City were dashed when he failed to beat yesterday's midday deadline to sign him.

Adams offered the glovesman - who he had on loan earlier in the season - a long-term deal yesterday in a bid to ease his goalkeeping crisis, with Frank Talia out for up to six weeks and Steve Williams suffering a crisis in confidence.

But Bevan, who is also attracting the interest of first division stragglers Wimbledon, wanted more time to think about it.

Blues are now hoping the deal will be done before their visit to

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Bournemouth on Saturday. They can't get him on loan because they have used up their eight loans already this season.

The delay means shell-shocked Williams will have to pick himself up and try and shut-out in-form Bristol City at Ashton Gate tonight.

The 20-year-old was beaten four times in Saturday's 4-3 defeat at home to Hartlepool and Adams had hoped to take him out of the firing line.

Adams said: "Williams looked very scared. We need another keeper, it is as simple as that."

Blues' other keeper, rookie

Tom Gott, is also injured, while number one Frank Talia faces six weeks out after pulling his calf doing extra training on Friday.

Wanderers hope to fund the Bevan deal by using the money they saved from Stuart Roberts' wages when he was transferred to Swansea City last week.

But before then, Willo must try and shut out a Robins side who are looking to get back on track tonight after their 11-match winning streak came to an end with a 1-0 loss at Sheffield Wednesday on Saturday.

Blues' own five-match drawing sequence came to an abrupt end when they were edged out in Saturday's seven-goal thriller against Hartlepool.

And boss Tony Adams was disgusted with the way his team let their unbeaten record go.

He said: "We gave them four goals. They are laughing all the way back to Hartlepool."

Wanderers welcome back centre half Roger Johnson tonight after his one-match ban as they bid to repeat the 3-0 win they enjoyed over a nine-man Bristol City side last October.

That night, the Robins had skipper Tom Doherty and Danny Coles sent off but since then, they have gone on a tremendous run, storming into second spot in the table and they are now 40 points ahead of Wanderers.

Blues defender Scott Nethercott and striker Nathan Tyson

are both due to play the final match of their two-month loan periods tonight, but Wanderers are hoping to extend them both.

Adams said: "We need everyone scrapping and fighting to save our status in Division Two."

"We needed to win last week and the week before that and the week before that. They are all need-to-win games now."

DIVISION TWO

Grimsby	33	7	4	6	31	21	3	5	8	12	36	39
Oldham	33	7	4	5	26	18	1	9	7	21	30	37
Chesterfield	32	6	6	4	24	19	2	4	10	7	29	34
Brentford	33	6	3	8	25	30	3	4	9	11	24	34
Notts County	33	4	5	7	22	21	4	2	11	15	35	31
Peterboro	33	2	6	9	22	27	4	6	6	15	20	30
Stockport	33	2	7	8	21	30	3	7	6	21	28	29
Wycombe	33	4	4	9	24	29	0	8	8	11	27	24