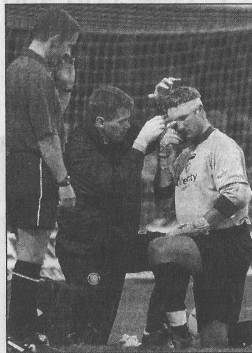


Wanderers' medicine men prepare to turn their backs on the game



Dave Jones in action

WANDERERS physios Dave Jones and Terry Evans resigned within minutes of each other.

Both cited new career opportunities and the desire to spend more time with their families as the reason, but the club's parlous financial state was also a major factor.

The medicine men both accepted a ten per cent wage deferral this season but were then told, along with other members of the club's back-room staff, that they would have to accept 20 per cent salary cuts next year, if the club are relegated.

Wanderers are £2.2 million in debt and the club's anxious accountants are pinning their hopes on the club's members voting this summer to agree to

a change in the constitution which would allow outside investors into the club.

If that doesn't happen, some club insiders fear the only option would be for the club to go into administration – and that would inevitably mean redundancies.

Jones, who is in his testimonial season after having spent 18 years at the club, and Evans a former captain and caretaker manager of Wanderers, are both leaving the game.

Jones has accepted a senior lecturing post at The University of Hertfordshire, while Evans will be moving to Blues' shirt sponsors Loans.co.uk to run their company gym.

Father-of-two Jones said: "I have got to have some

security. The club is not in a good financial state and this opportunity to advance my career coincided with my decision.

"It has been a very difficult decision, but this is an excellent opportunity and a good career move.

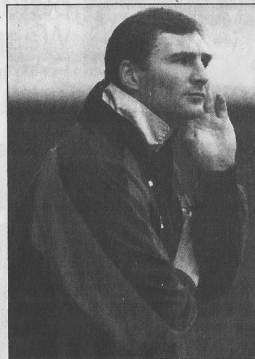
"I am also looking forward to spending more time with my family. I haven't seen my two boys Matthew and Daniel play football at all this year and it will be good to spend more time with them."

Youth team physio Evans said: "After many happy years at the club, I have made a very difficult decision to move on. The main reason for this is to spend more time with my family and working for Loans will allow me to do so."

Evans who spent four years qualifying for his role as youth team physio, added: "Football is on its knees a bit and I don't know where and how it is going to pick up.

"After Lawrie Sanchez, Terry Gibson and Michael Forsyth moved on and knowing that Dave was likely to go as well, really made my mind up that it was time to move on and it has left the door open for Tony Adams to bring his own people in.

"It is going to be hard saying goodbye. I will really miss the rapport with the players, the catering staff, the girls in the office the groundsman, the press officer and the cleaners," a sentiment which was echoed by Jones as well yesterday morning.



Terry Evans as caretaker boss