

Brownie to swap boots for a bat



Steve Brown

STEVE BROWN is hoping to roll back the years and spring a surprise when Wycombe Wanderers take on High Wycombe Cricket Club in his testimonial cricket match tonight (London Road 6pm).

Brown, who spent ten glorious years with Wycombe Wanderers, was offered trials with Northamptonshire and Middlesex when he was a kid, but chose football instead.

Now the 37-year-old is hoping to turn back the clock by leading the footballers to a famous win over the town's cricketers in the Twenty20 match.

Brownie, who will be Wanderers' wicket keeper, has assembled an impressive line-up of former Blues players as he looks to topple the cricketers who have won the Home Counties League and the Bucks Cup for the last two years running.

He has recruited former goalkeeper Martin Taylor, who could have also played county cricket, and the big-hitting Andy Rammell.

Former Blues stars Jason Cousins and Dave Carroll are also booked into play alongside current Wanderers players Matt Bloomfield, Danny Senda and Steve Williams.

Brown said: "It should be good. I'm really looking forward to it. As a kid I was a better cricketer than I was a football. I could move the ball both ways when I was nine but when I had the chance of choosing football or cricket I went for football."

But the Warriors aren't going to be just turning up to honour Brown. They want the bragging rights in the town.

Skipper Jason Harrison said: "It's going to be good fun. It's great that Steve is bringing down Wycombe Wanderers players down here and I hope lots of people come and have a really good day."

Harrison has selected a strong line-up for tonight's clash.

● Admission to tonight's match is £2 per head or a fiver for a family of four.

Down sides of going down

WANDERERS chairman Ivor Beeks has admitted that going down to the third division has made it much harder to sign players.

Blues have missed out on four targets already this summer and six others have gone away to think about Wanderers' offer without putting pen to paper just yet.

Beeks said: "The players want to play for Tony Adams but they are not so keen on playing in Division Three."

At the moment Blues have just ten professionals on their books - not enough to field a team.

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