

It's down to the last two

WANDERERS think they have found the successor to Tony Adams.

They interviewed six potential managers on Tuesday and have now whittled that down to a shortlist of two, with Danny Wilson and John Gorman believed to be the contenders.

Blues chairman Ivor Beeks confirmed it is now just a two-horse race but would not say who the two are.

But he told the Free Press: "We are very excited. There's no question that both of these people can take the club forward."

"We have seen some very good people and there are a few things to tie up. We are negotiating and talking."

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Beeks confirmed there are no plans to hold second interviews or talks with anyone else as the club hunts its seventh manager in ten years.

He plans to unveil the new gaffer at a press conference next week.

Gorman is extremely well-thought of by the Wycombe board. They turned to him after sacking Lawrie Sanchez last year.

They hired him to steady the ship and many people within the club felt he should have got the job full-time rather than Tony Adams, who walked out after

one year and four days into the job.

The 53-year-old former England and Tottenham assistant manager was popular with the players and fans during his five-week spell in charge at Wanderers and former Blues skipper Michael Simpson has already urged the board to look no further.

He said: "He would be the perfect choice for Wycombe. I think Gorman would have saved the club from relegation if he'd been given the manager's job last time."

"His training was very good. He came in at a bad time for the club and he had everyone smiling again. He lifted all the spirits

and had us playing some really good football."

Gorman is currently the caretaker manager at Championship side Gillingham, where he is operating without a contract.

Meanwhile, Wilson – the former Barnsley, Sheffield Wednesday and Bristol City, chief – watched Wanderers beat Orient on Saturday under the stewardship of caretaker boss Keith Ryan and he received a glowing endorsement from Wanderers' former Bristol City skipper Joe Burnell who played under him at Ashton Gate.

Burnell said: "He's the best manager I've played under. He's brilliant. His training's good and his management is excellent. I

can't say enough about him. He had the greatest of respect from everyone and he's very good tactically as well."

Wanderers' final two have already seen off fierce competition to get this far.

Former Swansea City and Wrexham boss Brian Flynn has been overlooked less than two months after he was rumoured to be in line for the Wales job.

Ex-Liverpool ace and former Blackpool boss Steve McMahon and former Sheffield Wednesday boss Chris Turner have also been passed over, along with former MK Dons chief Stuart Murdoch as Blues had more than 60 applicants to choose from.

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