

Former Chairboy backs the Blues to win promotion

IAN Simpemba is backing his former teammates to win promotion after lining-up against them on Saturday.

The ex-Chairboy was in the Crawley Town side which lost 2-1 to Wycombe and he is convinced they have what it takes to go up.

He said: "I am going to have a punt on them at the bookies. They look really dangerous going forward and Dodger [Roger

Johnson] is one of the best defenders in the league."

Wycombe beat the Conference side thanks to goals from Tommy Mooney and Nathan Tyson, but Simpemba reckons they carry a threat from every position.

He said: "They will score goals from anywhere. Mooney, Tyson and Kevin Betsy all look really good and Matt Bloomfield could score a few goals.

"And in Frank Talia they have a top goalkeeper. John Gorman has done very well to bring in the players he has."

Simpemba, a Republic of Ireland U19 international, left Wycombe in July 2004 on a free transfer, but is enjoying a new lease of life in the Nationwide Conference with the Surrey-based club.

And he warned Gorman's side

to keep an eye on Barnet, who won promotion last season from the Conference into League Two.

The centre half said: "Barnet will definitely surprise a lot of people.

"They were light years better than any other team in our league last year and they are very young and very exciting.

"They will upset a few sides this year."