

Adams 'devastated' by death of Philo



FORMER Wanderers boss Tony Adams is planning to return from his coaching job in Holland for the funeral of Mark Philo (*left*) when a date has been confirmed.

The former England and Arsenal captain (*right*) handed the midfielder his first team debut against Barnsley in February 2004 and had planned to build his team around him.

Adams said: "I'm devastated. It's so sad when you lose someone

so young. It's not meant to be that way. My wife called me and I am still in shock.

"I am hoping to get back for the funeral."

He heard the news just after his new team FC Utrecht in Holland had won their match at Den Haag.

He said: "Winning is no consolation. This puts everything into perspective."

Blues managing director Steve Hayes said: "We've lost a smash-

ing young lad from this club and our thoughts go out to the family. We never saw the lad with anything but a smile on his face. I can't quite believe it."

Wanderers were also keen to express their sympathy to the family of the female driver who also died in the accident.

Manager John Gorman said: "We send our sincere condolences to the family of the driver of the other car."

