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Brown's future in the balance

And Keith Ryan's position
is even less secure



In the Blues corner: Steve Brown and John Gorman at the helm last season

BLUES legends Steve Brown and Keith Ryan could both be forced to leave the club in the fall-out of John Gorman's dismissal last month.

Along with Terry Evans, Brown and Ryan were placed in temporary charge of the team when Gorman went on compassionate leave, but with a new boss expected to be unveiled within the next two weeks, their days at Adams Park could be numbered.

And Brown has admitted he's already had informal discussions with Gorman about a possible move to Northampton.

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However, he insisted he will not make a decision until Wycombe, who began interviewing yesterday, name their new man.

He said: "I'm involved with Wycombe Wanderers now, but I can't say what will happen in the future."

"I have spoken to Steve Hayes and he wants me to wait until the new manager comes in. I'd be stupid not to do that."

But Brown did meet up with Gorman after the former Wanderers boss returned from Spain at the end of last week.

And while he said it had been an opportunity to catch up with a friend, he confirmed there was a conversation about a possible switch to the Cobblers.

He said: "It has been discussed, but I'd like to have all the cards on the table first. I'd like to talk about it with my wife and then make a decision that's best for Steve Brown and his family."

Brown was part of the

Northampton youth set-up in the mid 1980s and spent five seasons as a player at Sixfields Stadium before moving to Wycombe for £60,000 in February 1994.

In the next decade he played 444 times for Wanderers, before retiring in the summer of 2004.

Since then he has been employed by the club as a coach.

He said: "My affections for the club haven't changed despite what's happened to John."

"We'll have to wait until the new manager comes in and see what he has in mind for me. But I'm still

contracted with the club for another 12 months.

"That's the situation until someone tells me differently. If I'm needed here I'll be here."

Meanwhile, Ryan's position appears even more precarious.

He said: "I have spoken to Steve Hayes and he told me he'd like there to be a position for me, but he can't guarantee anything."

"My contract is up at the end of the month, so it's unsettling to say the least."

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