

Johnson U-turn leaves Blues still hunting



Four-day Wanderer: Simon Johnson's career consisted of holding up a shirt and that was it.

SIMON Johnson has completed a remarkable U-turn and returned to Darlington – four days after agreeing to sign for Wycombe Wanderers.

The 23-year-old agreed to join Wycombe on Thursday and was pictured with a Chairboys shirt for the official Wycombe website and quoted saying how keen he was to sign.

He told the Blues website: "I really want to be part of getting this club promotion."

He added: "I want to repay the faith the staff have put in me. When the opportunity came for me to have talks with Wycombe I was more than happy to do it.

"Everyone has made me feel welcome, the facilities are top class and the stadium is lovely."

But he changed his mind over the weekend after talking with his family and told Wanderers yesterday that he was staying put, despite the clubs having agreed an undisclosed fee.

His decision leaves Wanderers with a big problem.

Boss Paul Lambert had bought him as a direct replacement for Kevin Betsy, who joined Bristol City in a £150,000 deal on Thursday.

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Lambert now has little time to find a replacement before the transfer window closes this week.

He said: "We completely understand that Simon has taken the decision to have a rethink about his move to Wycombe.

"We're of course disappointed that he's taken the decision to remain with Darlington. However we do wish him all the best for the future."

Johnson was yesterday trying to explain his decision.

He said: "It all happened a bit quick. Sometimes you need time to think about these things.

"Yes I was tempted to sign but things have got to be right for you first and foremost.

"I didn't have that gut feeling that things were right so I'm more than happy to come back here.

"I went and discussed things at Wycombe and had a look around and then spoke to my family about it. I had a sleep on it but things never really panned out and that's all I can say really."