

Blues to put feet up

WYCOMBE Wanderers will put their feet up on the first Saturday in the new year as they bid to steal a march on their rivals.

The Blues are without a fixture on January 5 because their scheduled opponents Mansfield Town are still involved in the FA Cup.

That game has now been moved to January 8.

Wanderers could have re-arranged their Tuesday, March 11 home game against Wrexham for the date of the original Mansfield match, but they have resisted the temptation because after four matches in the space of 11 days over the festive period, manager Paul Lambert thinks a rest will benefit the players.

Elvis in Marlow

PAUL Lambert has laughed up website gossips who claim he is lining up a move for Paolo Di Canio.

Supporters on the Gasroom fans chatroom claim to have seen the 39-year-old former Italian in the area and have put two and two together to give Lambert a chuckle.

He said: "I don't know where people get these things from. I don't even know if he's still playing the game.

"It's like saying Elvis has been spotted in Marlow.

"We're looking at a number of strikers but he's a new one on me."

Offside Blues

WYCOMBE Wanderers have won an extension to their temporary planning permission to use the top field for matchday parking for 500 cars.

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U-turn: Simon Johnson poses at Adams Park with the Wycombe shirt last year before Blues changed their minds over the deal

Picture by MATT BEADLE

Not fit to sign for Blues but OK to score against them

THE man Wanderers said wasn't fit enough to join them returned to haunt them on Tuesday.

Eleven months ago Simon Johnson was photographed wearing a Wycombe shirt at Adams Park and trumpeted as the club's latest signing.

But less than 24-hours after his switch from Darlington was announced on the club's website - Wanderers pulled out of the deal citing problems with his medical.

But Johnson looked as fit as a fiddle as he came off the bench to score Hereford's equaliser on Tuesday as his new club came back from the dead to wipe out Wycombe's two-goal lead.

And the 24-year-old couldn't hide his delight afterwards.

He said: "If things had worked out differently I could have been scoring that goal for Wycombe.

"It's no secret I nearly signed in January but things

weren't to be and I ended up going back to Darlington.

"I had my photograph taken in the Wycombe shirt and it was happening and then the medical team at Wycombe thought it wasn't the best thing to do at the time and there was nothing I could do about that.

"The game is full of ups and downs and that was a real down. I was very disappointed at the time but I took it on my chin and got on with my football.

"I felt fit tonight and hopefully now I can show people what I can do."

Having smashed in the equaliser Johnson almost poached a dramatic injury-time winner exhibiting his pace before firing in a cross-shot which Blues keeper Rab Douglas was relieved to tip around his post.

Wanderers boss Paul Lambert said ruefully: "He failed a medical here but he looked pretty fit tonight - that's the way it goes."