

Holt will play on with the Chairboys

WANDERERS midfielder Gary Holt will play on at Adams Park after being won over by new gaffer Peter Taylor.

Holt – one of Blues' most instrumental players last season – said he didn't feel like playing for the Chairboys again after Paul Lambert resigned as Blues manager at the end of last season.

The former Scotland international went public criticising the club for not doing enough to keep Lambert and made his own feelings crystal clear.

At the time, he said: "At the moment I don't want to stay."

"He [Lambert] got me here and he's the main reason I came. I believe he was the man who could have taken the club to the next level."

"I don't know what's gone on but it is not something that's going to lie easy with me."

"At the moment I can't see myself being happy here."

And when Dundee expressed their interest in capitalising on the situation and taking him back to Scotland it looked as though his Wycombe number was up.

But Taylor's arrival at Adams Park appears to have won the 35-year-old midfielder ace around.

Taylor spoke to the ex-Nottingham Forest and Norwich man this week and says the conversation couldn't have gone better.

Taylor said: "We had a brief



Ready for more: Gary Holt is ready to continue at Adams Park after talking with the new manager

conversation and I could tell within two minutes that we were on the same wavelength. Gary has

assured me he wants to stay and enjoy the season with us.

"Gary Holt is a good professional

and a good type and I'm looking forward to working with him next season."

Taylor chases a hat-trick of transfers in eight days

BLUES boss Peter Taylor is hoping to sign three players in the next eight days.

He is closing in on a striker, an attacking midfielder and a pacy wideman.

He said: "I'm confident I can get the people I am after before I go on holiday."

Taylor has got three strikers on his wish-list but will only sign one of them as he already has Scott McGleish, Leon Knight and John Sutton on the roster.

He wants a big targetman-type player to complement McGleish and Knight.

Two of the forwards he is interested in have been playing in League One and the other at League Two level. One, the youngest of the three options, would cost a fee but the other two are free transfers.

Taylor, a former winger with Tottenham and England, is also closing in on a pacy wideman to provide the ammunition for his new striker to bang home.

He is determined to get some natural width in his Blues side.

He has spent his evenings watching videos of last season's Wanderers action where it was obvious that the team was over-loaded with central midfield players but lacked any natural width.

He said: "We need to have some width and real athletes in the side."

That is why he was happy to let Stefan Oakes join Lincoln City this week.

The 29-year-old who played under

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Taylor in the Premiership for Leicester sought pastures new after being told he would have to accept a pay cut if he wanted to stay at Adams Park.

That decision was made by Blues' managing director Steve Hayes before Taylor was appointed manager.

Lincoln were quick to offer Oakes a deal and Taylor did not try to dissuade the player from going.

He said: "It was difficult because of that wonderful left foot of his and because he is such a good lad."

"But I've looked at our squad and the positions that we need and we need some wide players."

Taylor's other two targets, the midfielder and the winger, are both versatile and can fill more than one position on the park.

Wanderers have told Peterborough they want cash not players for Russell Martin.

Martin has agreed a three-year deal with Boro but the fee has still to be agreed and Posh tried to offset it by offering Taylor the pick of their seven transfer listed players.

But Blues have said they want money and the clubs will try to agree a price this weekend.



Now for my next trick, a hat-trick: Peter Taylor

Blues stopped me going into the Premiership

FORMER Wanderers skipper Tommy Mooney has blasted the Blues for denying him a dream return to the Premiership.

The veteran goal machine was wanted by Hornets boss Aidy Boothroyd in January 2007 as Watford's striker shortage hit rock bottom.

The Hornets were staring relegation from the Premiership in the face, and with Ashley Young sold, Marlon King injured and Collins John rejecting a move, Mooney was targeted.

At the time he was preparing to face Chelsea in a Carling Cup semi-final and bidding to keep Wanderers on course for promotion.

Mooney says they did not even tell him of Watford's interest.

Now, 18 months on, the no-nonsense forward has hit out at both Watford and Wanderers for not informing him of the discussions.

He said: "If I had been given the chance I would have gone back to Watford in any capacity."

"It was very disappointing that I was only told 18 months later by a former Wycombe employee."

"With the relationship I had with my manager and chief executive I was disappointed they did not keep me in the loop about it."

"I was also disappointed Watford never came to me and told me of their interest. They were in the Premiership and even though they were struggling it would have been a good couple of months for me."

"My time at Watford was a fantastic period for me. I had two promotions and eight years at the club. That was the peak of my career."

Mooney left Wycombe at the end of the 2006/07 season to sign for Walsall.

The 36-year-old has now left the Saddlers and has agreed a move to Spain with Marbella.

That'll do for me

I AM writing this after reading the comments of a Hull City supporter as quoted in the Bucks Free Press, June 6, that under Peter Taylor they sat on a 1-0 lead.

I've checked the details of their two successive promotions with Peter in charge.

They scored 82 and 80 goals respectively and in both seasons had ten wins by scoring three or more goals.

One season saw a 6-1 win (a score that Wycombe have yet to achieve in the league) while there were 6-1 and 5-1 wins in the other. If this is an example of sitting on leads then bring it on! I look forward to it.

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