

Beat the credit crunch

WANDERERS season-ticket holders and Blues Card holders will have the chance to escape the credit crunch for a night next week.

Blues and Shrewsbury officials have reached an agreement to allow season-ticket holders of both clubs to gain free entry for Tuesday's Johnstone Paint Trophy second round tie at Adams Park (ko 7pm) and the deal was ratified by the Football League on Tuesday.

In addition any youngsters under 16 will be admitted free providing they are accompanied by an adult.

Senior Citizens can get in for a fiver while it is a tenner for adults.

Lambert for Colchester

FORMER Wanderers boss Paul Lambert (*right*) is among the frontrunners to take over the managerial hotseat at Blues' arch-rivals, Colchester.

Lambert left Wanderers in the summer, claiming one or two things weren't right at the club, and has been working as a pundit for Sky since.

He was linked with the jobs at Leicester City and MK Dons but got neither and told the Free Press a fortnight ago that he was desperate to return to management in England.

He joins former England ace Teddy Sheringham and Phil Parkinson among the hopefuls.



He's got a big future

BOSS Peter Taylor says he's glad he made it a priority to nail Matt Phillips down to a two-year contract when he first joined the club.

Taylor said: "As soon as I saw him in training I made it a priority to get the chairman and Steve Hayes to sign him up."

Phillips starred during the reserves 2-1 win over Peterborough and Boro supremo Barry Fry was raving about him afterwards.

Taylor said: "I think we've got someone who can go a long way in the game here. It doesn't worry me if other people are excited about him as well.

"He's our player and it is still early days. He's got to get into our first team on a regular basis first but if he keeps progressing as I think he will then he might go on and end up at a big club."

Blues duo on loan

WANDERERS have allowed youngsters Scott Schulton and Callum Botham to join Basingstoke Town on a month's loan.

Boss Peter Taylor said: "It's better for them to be playing first team football than reserve football."

Meanwhile former Wanderer Jonny Dixon has joined Blue Square side Grays Athletic on loan after failing to make the breakthrough at Brighton.