

Blues turned down Phil

THE man who masterminded Hull City's back-to-back victories over north London giants Tottenham and Arsenal could have been the Wycombe manager.

Phil Brown applied for the Wycombe job before he got the Tigers hotseat he told the Daily Mail this week.

Brown said: "I was out of work for eight-and-a-half months and I honestly thought football had turned its back on me.

"I went for the Wycombe job but Paul Lambert got the nudge from Martin O'Neill. I went for Bournemouth but Kevin Bond got the nudge from Harry Redknapp."

Simmo expects to pay

SHREWSBURY boss Paul Simpson insists his seven-goal demolition of Wanderers will give his side's promotion bid a boost but he's expecting a backlash when the teams meet again just before Christmas.

He said: "This result will give us a hell of a lot of confidence because Wycombe are such a good side but I know it will be very different when we play them again.

"When a result like that happens it really fires the opposition for the next meeting and I would expect that next game to be totally different."

It was the second time this season that Shrews have won 7-0 after spanking Gillingham a few weeks ago.

Holt and Hunt fight back

INJURED duo Gary Holt and Lewis Hunt could be considered for next weekend's visit of Darlington. Hunt who hasn't played all season is over his groin problem while Holt has recovered from the back and groin worries that have sidelined him. Boss Peter Taylor says he even considered taking Hunt to Grimsby tomorrow but resisted the temptation to rush him.

Bloomers on way back

MIDFIELDER Matt Bloomfield has started running, turning and kicking as he steps up his rehabilitation from a cruciate injury suffered at the end of last season.

He goes to Lilleshall next week for tests and is not yet allowed to take part in any contact training.

Exeter's Gill beats Scott

KEEPER Scott Shearer was beaten to the League Two Player of the Month award by Exeter City midfielder Matt Gill.

Sky cameras at training

SKY Television's SoccerAM cameras were at Blues training ground yesterday recording Wanderers' players attempts at the Crossbar Challenge and boss Peter Taylor was delighted to see them.

He said: "It's just what we need to lighten the mood after Tuesday.

Deja vu for Taylor

IT'S not the first time Peter Taylor has been hit for seven as a manager.

He said: "It happened once before in my first game in management at Dartford. We lost 7-0 to Arsenal reserves but the Arsenal reserves had people that are very famous players now."

It also happened as a player. He said: "I was at Tottenham and we got beat 7-0 by Liverpool at Anfield but we beat them 1-0 a month later. Hopefully that's an omen."