

Church gutted

STRIKER Simon Church (pictured) was more gutted than most when Tuesday's match against Macclesfield was abandoned – because he has only got seven games left to make his mark.



The on loan Reading striker returns to the Madejski Stadium after Blues' game at Shrewsbury on December 20 and he wanted to get as many games and goals under his belt before then.

Reading have not yet decided whether they will allow the Wales U21 striker to play for Wanderers in the FA Cup and if they say no that gives Church just seven more matches with Wycombe.

He said: "I was really disappointed when the ref called it off because it is another game I won't be playing. I've come here to play as many games as I can and to have one abandoned is a bit of a downer for me."

Church, who is in his second loan spell with Wycombe having been sent off and picked up a three-match ban in his first period, could have had his pick of clubs to join on loan following his eye-catching three goals in two games for Wales U21s against England.

He said: "I could have gone somewhere else but I felt I had unfinished business here. This is my home club and I wanted to prove myself here. I told Peter Taylor I would come back here, it is the club where I started and it is perfect for me."

"I want to score as many goals as I can and help Wycombe get promoted but my main aim is to get into the Reading team and if I'm scoring goals here that can only help."

Taylor said: "I am hoping we might be able to keep him a bit longer."

FA Cup ticket details

TICKETS for Wanderers' FA Cup first round match away to AFC Wimbledon on Monday, November 10 will go on sale to season ticket holders from 9.15am today.

Blues have been allocated 700 terrace terrace tickets for the game priced at £10 adults with reductions for senior citizens, students with an NUS card, and kids and just 77 seats priced at £12 adults.

The season ticket holders priority sale lasts until 5.30pm on Tuesday, November 4.

After that any remaining tickets will go on sale to Blues Card Holders from 9.15am on Wednesday, November 5. The ticket office will stay open until 8pm on that day.

Should there be any tickets available after that they will go on general sale from 10am on November 6.

For those who cannot get tickets, the match is being shown live on Setanta.

Wanderers and their Blue Square Conference South opponents will both receive £75,000 from Setanta.

Boss Peter Taylor said: "As soon as I saw the draw I thought that the cameras would want this one."

"It will be a very difficult game. All the pressure is on us. If we win everyone will say it was expected."

Gorman returns

FORMER Blues boss John Gorman will be back in Wycombe on Friday, November 28 from 1pm signing copies of his autobiography Gory Tales at Waterstones.



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After 13 unbeaten matches it is a blizzard that stops Blues



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THERE'S SNOW MORE PLAY TONIGHT: (Main picture) Macclesfield captain Sean Hessey captures the scene on his mobile phone, while (above right) the ballboys trudge off and (below right) goalkeepers Scott Shearer and John Brain after shaking hands at the end



Wanderers by Dave Peters

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all in their white shirts."

Macc boss Alexander said: "It was a long way to come for 22 minutes but the referee had no option. When we started it was playable but within 20 minutes it was not."

The decision was particularly hard on the 68 Macclesfield fans who made the seven-hour round trip to Adams Park, but at least they were treated to a pint by the Macclesfield directors after the game as a thank you for their fruitless support before turning round to make the long trek home.

They, and the home supporters who made up the 3,882 crowd, will be entitled to a full refund on production of their ticket stubs.

The match only got underway after the groundstaff cleared snow from the pitch, but no sooner had the lines become visible than they were covered with more snow.

It took just two minutes for Lewis Hunt to fall victim to the farcical conditions when his routine backpass got stuck in the snow, forcing keeper Scott Shearer to race off his line to clear the ball away from Martin Gritton.

Ironically though, after that, Wanderers adapted well to the conditions and Belgian U19 international Franck Moussa almost gave them a seventh minute

lead with a moment of real quality.

He picked the ball up 25 yards out and drilled in a fierce shot which the keeper tipped over.

Wycombe continued to defy the conditions with some neat touches and Matt Harrold pirouetted like Robin Cousins to drill in a low shot which glovesman John Brain was relieved to turn around the post.

The referee, linesmen and both managers had a 19th minute debate about the state of the deteriorating pitch but decided to play on but three minutes later they had a change of heart.

● The match will now be replayed at Adams Park on Tuesday, December 2 at 7.45pm. One of the reasons Blues were keen to replay it soon is because on loan Reading striker Simon Church will still be with the club.

Taylor is a 3/1 shot to return to Premiership

WANDERERS boss Peter Taylor is a 10/1 shot to finish the season managing a Premier League Club following Blues' unbeaten start to the League Two season.

SkyBet are tipping him to follow the path of ex-Wanderers bosses Martin O'Neill, Lawrie Sanchez John Gregory and now Tony Adams, who was appointed manager of Portsmouth this week, into the top flight.

Taylor, who has Premiership experience with Leicester, is 10-1 to be prized away this season and as short as 3-1 to manage in the Premier League again by the end of 2014 with SkyBet.

They have been impressed with the way former England caretaker boss Taylor has masterminded Wanderers' rise to the top of League Two this season with an unbeaten 13-match run.

The Blues, along with Liverpool, are the only teams boasting unbeaten league records.

The odds were issued 24 hours after Adams got the Pompey job.

And Blues chairman Ivor Beeks says Adams will have to handle the pressure at Pompey better than he did at Wycombe if he is to succeed



Tony Adams: The fourth Wycombe boss to reach the top-flight

as a Premiership manager.

Adams resigned as Blues boss in November 2004 after winning 12 of his 53 games and Beeks believes it all got on top of him.

The ex-Arsenal ace walked out, telling his players and the media he was off but forgetting to tell Beeks

he was off.

Beeks said this week: "I liked Tony but I was very disappointed with the way he left."

"I think the pressures of running a football club and arranging his marriage at the same time, coupled with the fact that he didn't particularly want to be managing at this level, may have made him decide to go."

He admitted Adams made mistakes during his ill-fated Wycombe career when he failed to stop the club's slide into League Two, but he says the club would not have sacked him, believing he could turn it around.

Adams brushed off his painful Adams Park experience at his Pompey unveiling saying: "There's not one person at Wycombe who doesn't think I did OK."

"When I went there, they had 11 points from 17 games and about three good players. We had no money, we had to cut the wage bill from £1.5million to £800,000."

"I had to get rid of everybody and save the football club. It was a different ball game, a different job."

"I was doing everything. I was typing out my own contracts. I

would get on the coaching pitch and, no disrespect to the guys, but some of the things I wanted to do – it's a different type of football. It's like running a corner shop or running Sainsbury's and I am with the big boys now"

Beeks said: "It's slightly disappointing and some of the things he's saying aren't true."

"It turned out that it wasn't the right job for him. We were a division or two below where he needed to be. He was coming out of a Premiership operation and it was culture shock for him."

"The quality of players was different to what he was used to and he struggled with that."

He says Adams made the mistake of publicly criticising some of the clubs players and denied that Adams had to do jobs like 'typing up contracts.'

But he said he also did a lot of good.

He said: "He brought in some very good players, he was a driving force behind the training ground and even bought furniture for it out of his own pocket. He never claimed any expenses from us and I really hope he does well."