

NEW BOSS FOR BLUES



Waddock to Wanderers' rescue

GARY Waddock has been charged with saving Wycombe Wanderers' season after being appointed as Peter Taylor's replacement in the Adams Park hot-seat this week.

He and assistant Martin Kuhl arrived from League Two club Aldershot Town on Tuesday, and they will take charge of the team for the first time on Saturday when Blues take on Colchester United at Adams Park.

Waddock, *pictured*, enjoyed a distinguished playing career, making more than 500 appearances for Queens Park Rangers, Cherleroi, Millwall, Crystal Palace, Swindon and Luton Town.

He also represented the Republic of Ireland on 21 occasions.

As a

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manager he is relatively inexperienced though and Saturday's visit from Colchester will only be his 149th time in charge of a professional club.

However, in that time the 47-year-old has built a reputation for producing, fast, attacking teams that score plenty of goals.

Speaking to the club's official website, he said: "I like my teams to play a passing game and I like them to attack. Hopefully that will bring success because we must always remember that this is a results-based business.

"I would appeal to our fans to be patient – we'll try to hit the ground running but it won't happen overnight and we need a period of time to settle in and get our ideas across to the players."

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Change at the top

GARY Waddock has replaced Peter Taylor as manager of Wycombe Wanderers.

Taylor was sacked on Friday but Blues acted swiftly to find a replacement with Waddock and his assistant Martin Kuhl joining from Aldershot Town on Tuesday evening.

Waddock said: "This has been the hardest decision I have ever had to make.

"I have had a fantastic time at Aldershot Town. I wish the club every success in the future.

"I like challenges though and am extremely ambitious. I now have a new challenge ahead."

Waddock has a reputation for producing attacking teams.

He steered Aldershot to the Conference title in his first season, when they scored more than 80 goals and recorded a record number of wins, and continued to impress in League Two last season.

The Shots ended Wycombe's 18-game unbeaten run with a 3-2 triumph at The Recreation Ground last December, and he leaves them well-set this season, sixth in the table after 12 games.

As a player Waddock made more than 500 professional appearances and represented the



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Republic of Ireland 21 times.

He has wasted no time getting his feet under the table. He saw Tommy Doherty return to action for the Reserves on Tuesday and took his first training session the following day.

Meanwhile, Taylor leaves insisting he could have reversed the team's fortunes after just one



PETER TAYLOR

League win in 11 games.

He said: "I don't want any supporter to think I walked out on the team just before an important match and left the youth team manager to take the team.

"I was up for the challenge. I've got no doubt I could have turned it round."