

He's the one I wanted

- Waddock signs Winfield to reunite his central pairing from Aldershot
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TRIED AND TESTED: Dave Winfield and Adam Hinshelwood formed a solid defensive partnership at Aldershot. Gary Waddock hopes they do the same for Blues

BLUES boss Gary Waddock has signed Dave Winfield to reunite the centre back partnership that served him so well at Aldershot Town.

Winfield joins on a two-year deal, just six months after Waddock lured Adam Hinshelwood to Wycombe from The Recreation Ground.

The manager said: "I've worked with him before. I know what I'm getting and he was the one I wanted. He's young and strong, he's very focused and wants to improve."

"With Luke Oliver going I wanted to bring in another player in that department and he's a good addition. I wouldn't have got him otherwise."

Winfield and Hinshelwood were regulars in the Shots defence in the first half of last season, and the 22-year-old says they clicked on and off the pitch.

He said: "We're both no-

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nonsense defenders and gritty characters.

"We had a good understanding from the start, but that comes from our relationship off the pitch."

"When he joined the club [Aldershot] we hit it off immediately and we've kept in contact irrespective of what clubs we are playing for."

"On the pitch I think we had a good partnership and I like playing with him."

"If that happened again at Wycombe I'd be more than comfortable with it."

Hinshelwood hasn't actually put pen to paper on a new deal at Adams Park yet, but Winfield expects him to stay and Waddock says they just need to find time to thrash out the details.

The manager said: "It's

just a case of getting him in and sitting down with him and having a chat. There is no great urgency."

With Scott Donnelly opting for Swansea over Wycombe this week and John Mousinho turning down a new contract at Adams Park, Winfield's arrival is some welcome good news.

He said: "I was out of contract at Aldershot and wasn't sure what I was going to do. There were a few clubs interested, from Conference level to League One, but I have a good relationship with Gary [Waddock] and when it became clear there was an opportunity at Wycombe I was very interested."

"There are other centre backs at the club and I wouldn't expect to play if I wasn't pulling my weight."

"You don't just join a new club and expect to go straight into the team."

"But I'm very hard working and determined and I'm going to do everything I can to make sure I am starting every week."

"I want to be playing on merit, but I didn't come here to sit on the bench."