

BLUES ACCEPT BLACKPOOL BID

Phillips looks set for dream move to the Premiership new-boys

WANDERERS have accepted a bid from Premiership Blackpool for teenage star Matt Phillips and expect the 19-year-old to join the Tangerines before the transfer window closes this evening.

The England U19 international missed Wycombe's 1-1 draw at Northampton on Saturday and was at Bloomfield Road instead, where he was discussing his dream move in to the top flight.

Blues boss Gary Waddock yesterday told the *Bucks Free Press Midweek*: "A bid has been accepted and I would expect him to go.

"It is a massive step up and a fantastic opening for him and if the deal goes through they have got an extremely talented footballer.

"I'm delighted for him and it would be wrong for us to deny any player that opportunity let alone Matty who has come through the youth system here.

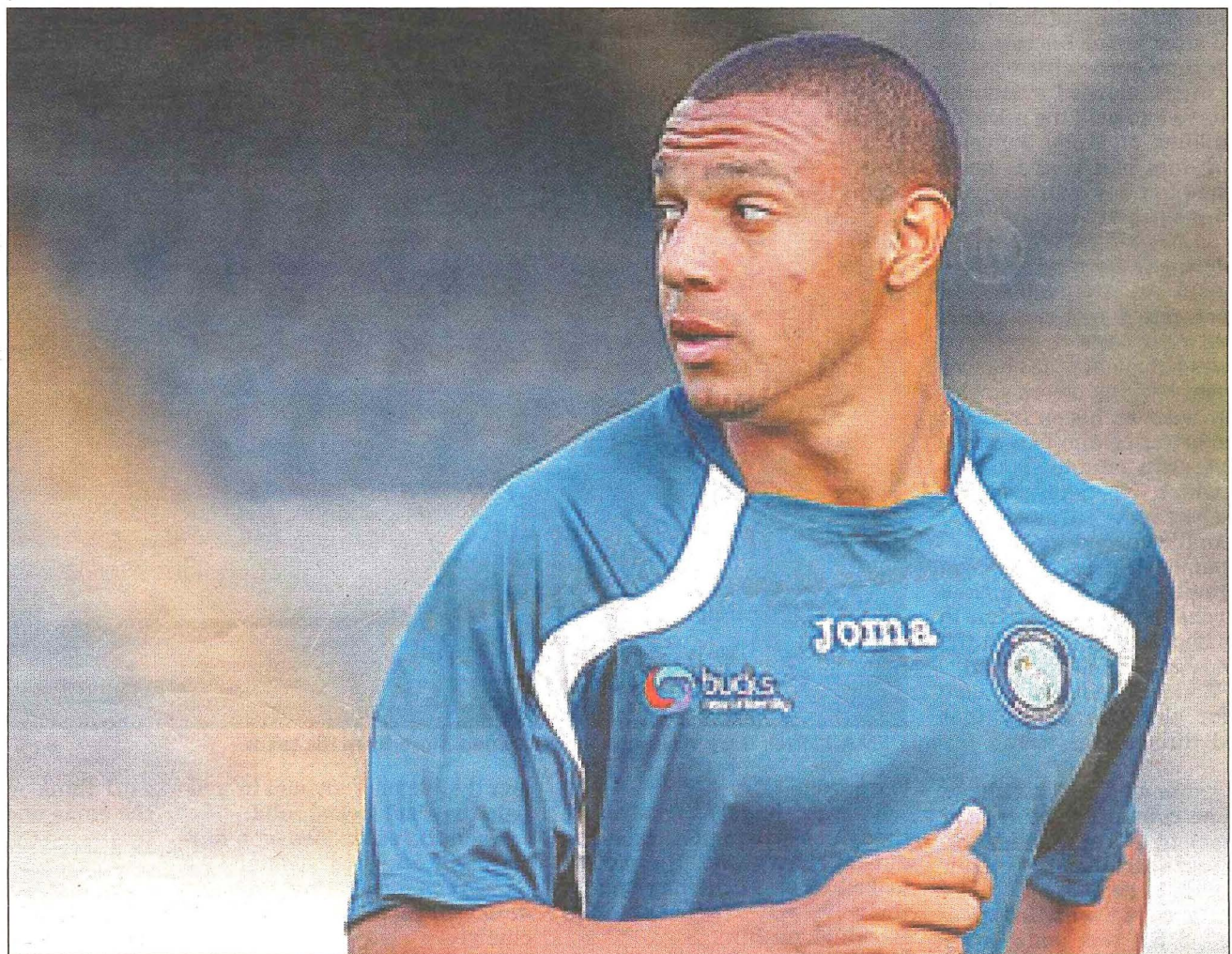
"He's a young player who has done very well in a short space of time."

The Blues had previously rejected one bid from Championship big spenders Bristol City while Southampton had also been chasing the teenager hard.

The *Bucks Free Press* were the first media outlet to reveal that Ian Holloway's Blackpool were chasing the Aylesbury-born Wycombe youth team product.

And the Seasiders jumped to the head of the queue at the weekend with a bid for the ace, who won six U19 caps this summer.

Waddock doesn't know yet if he will receive any of the Blackpool money himself for team strengthening but did say that there was a slim chance of him signing somebody today, possibly on loan.



LOOKING BACK: Matt Phillips' days as a Wanderer look to be over after Premiership Blackpool came knocking