

Defensive rock Winfield in a hurry to pen new Blues deal

DAVE Winfield has signed an extension to his Wycombe Wanderers contract that will keep him at Adams Park until 2013.

The big defender's deal was due to finish at the end of next season but has put pen to

paper on new terms.

He signed in the summer from Aldershot Town and played a key role at the heart of the Blues defence as Wanderers won promotion from League Two.

With Winfield in the side

Wanderers kept 17 clean sheets – more than any other side in the division.

Speaking after Blues' final day promotion, Winfield articulated what it means to him to play for the current Wycombe team.

He said: "I don't mind putting my body on the line for the boys.

"I've said it time and time again, they're a great bunch of lads and I'll do anything for them.

"I hope it shows."

Picture by ANITA ROSS-MARSHALL



WYCOMBE'S SCOTT TALENT: Blues could tackle League One with great Scotts Davies, above right, Rendell and Donnelly

The local lad who just wants to come home

SCOTT Davies says he would love to join Wycombe Wanderers on a permanent basis, describing the Blues as a "big club on the up".

The midfielder played 27 times for Wanderers in two separate loan deals in the last two seasons and told the Bucks Free Press he would be keen on a move to Adams Park after being released by Reading earlier in the month.

The 23-year-old also had two other spells playing for Aldershot Town under Blues boss Gary Waddock, who was reportedly quoted £400,000 for him when he made an inquiry for the midfielder last summer.

Asked if he would be interested in a move to Wycombe, Davies said: "Who wouldn't? It's a big club on the up.

"They did brilliantly towards

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the end of last season. My relationship with Gary Waddock and some of the players there is second to none.

"I'd have to consider what comes up but it is one I would want."

Davies, who also played seven times for Bristol Rovers last season, said he went to many of Blues' home games at the end of the season as they sealed promotion into League One, and said the club can stay there next year.

He said: "The way the manager's talking, he wants to consolidate. He doesn't want to be a yo-yo club. The depth of League

Two is so substantial and there are some massive clubs in League One like Sheffield United. League Two has got some small clubs and some horrible grounds to visit.

"I went to the last eight home games. My dad likes to go and watch Wycombe, being his local side. The atmosphere and the support was great.

"Scott Donnelly drove them over the line, he was excellent."

Davies said he wasn't sad at being released by the Madejski Stadium side but wished the Royals well in their bid for Premiership football.

They beat Cardiff City 3-0 on Tuesday night to set up a Wembley final showdown against Swansea City.

He said: "It's a massive weight off my shoulders. It gives me a

chance to play first team football at my parent club. It's almost a blessing in disguise I'm not tied down at Reading."

The midfielder has also been linked with a move to Exeter City but he said: "I've heard bits and pieces but nothing concrete. I haven't got involved with talks so much, my agent's doing that.

"Everyone is on holiday rather than planning their squads but hopefully my name is stored in a few managers' phone books."

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Johnson hoping to get a run in the Gold Cup

OUT-of-contract Wanderers defender Leon Johnson has been called up to the Grenada squad for next month's CONCACAF Gold Cup.

The tiny Caribbean island will play Jamaica, Honduras and Guatemala in their three group fixtures, with the first match kicking off on Monday June 6.

Grenada is the smallest nation ever to qualify for the tournament – the north and central American equivalent of the UEFA European Championships – and 30-year-old centre half Johnson will join the rest of his team-mates for a training camp before it gets under way.

Johnson, who has never played for Grenada before, is one of four players currently mulling over the offer of a new one-year contract with Wanderers ahead of next season's League One campaign.

The others are Chris Westwood, Matt Bloomfield and Danny Foster. None had confirmed they were signing for next season as we went to press.

International call up for former Blues defender

FORMER Blues defender Russell Martin has been called up to the Scotland squad for this month's Nations Cup games against Wales and the Republic of Ireland.

The 25-year-old caps a fine season which saw him play every minute of every match for Paul Lambert's Norwich City as they recorded back-to-back promotions to seal a place in next season's Premier League with the call-up.

He was runner-up in the Canaries' player of the year award to Grant Holt.

Martin played nearly 150 games for Wanderers after signing from Brighton – his home-town club. He qualifies for the Tartan Army through his Scottish-born father.

Dress in white

THE unique white shirts Wanderers wore at Oxford United last month are among the items being auctioned on the club website.

Ten of the shirts, which were produced as a one-off for the game as both the Chairboys' home and away kits clashed with their Thames Valley rivals' yellow and navy strip, are going under the hammer. Other kits are also available, each having a reserve price of £10.

To submit a bid email website@wwfc.com by noon on Wednesday June 1.

Vote of confidence

AN incredible 84 per cent of **Bucks Free Press** readers believe Wanderers would survive in League One next season, according to our online poll.

Of almost 500 voters, only 16 per cent predicted relegation for Gary Waddock's side next year.

The vast majority of voters, 39 per cent, said they thought Wanderers would struggle but survive, with a further 28 per cent expecting them to finish mid-table.

Ten per cent tipped Blues for a top ten finish, with seven per cent thinking they can make it two promotions on the spin.

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