

Mohan will use up all Wanderers' cash

WANDERERS will have to equal their record transfer fee if they are going to buy centre half Nicky Mohan from Bradford City.

Mohan returned to the Yorkshire club after last Saturday's match against Carlisle when his one-month loan expired.

Blues boss John Gregory wanted to extend the loan, but Bradford told him he would have to cough up £150,000 if he wanted to see Big Mo in a Wycombe shirt again.

That fee would equal the amount the Blues paid for John Williams, who was later released for nothing and is now plying his trade with third division high-flyers Exeter City.

Gregory said: "If I was to spend £150,000 on Nicky that would be my last cheque for the season. The money is there but it is a question of whether I want to spend all my money on one player when there's going to be times during the season when we will want to bring someone else in."

"I would still like to get Nicky, but it might take a little bit longer than expected."

Gregory is a dab hand at the

game of patience. He was originally quoted £150,000 to buy Keith Scott from Norwich, but backed off until the fee went down to £55,000.

Mohan, out-of-favour at Bradford, said: "It's very disappointing. I have enjoyed it at Wycombe. I want to get something sorted out and hopefully it will happen here."

● Wanderers recent good record in the Southern Junior Floodlit Cup came to an end at Northampton's Sixfields Stadium on Tuesday night, where the Blues went out 1-0 in the first round.

Wanderers, who in the past two seasons have reached the quarter final and the semi-final, were undone by a goal direct from a corner four minutes before half time.

It ended a bad week for Neil Smillie's juniors. On Saturday they were beaten 3-1 at Reading in the South East Counties League Cup.

● Wanderers are clamping down on bad behaviour by fining players who are yellow-carded for dissent.

Chairman Ivor Beeks said: "Dissent is something which will be dealt with with a fine."

Wanderers, with a squad of just 19 professionals, can ill afford to

have players out suspended.

John Cornforth was slapped with a club fine after talking back to the referee.

Assistant boss Richard Hill said: "The only way we can hurt John Cornforth and players like him who get booked for dissent is in their pockets but it will not take away the booking."

● The Quid-a-Kid game against Carlisle last Saturday brought in 1,371 children all paying £1 each.

Meanwhile Wanderers have revealed that the official attendance of 5,534 for the England U21 international against Moldova at Adams Park could have been up to 1,000 higher.

Chairman Ivor Beeks confirmed that the figure did not include some 800 tickets given away to schoolchildren or the tickets dished out by the FA.

● Matt Crossley who left the Blues in the summer because of a back injury is to be given a testimonial. But it will be put on hold for 12 months to avoid a clash with Dave Carroll's testimonial which kicks off with a race night next Saturday.

● Wanderers have left their training ground at Holmer Green

Football Club and moved to Instron near the airfield.

Gregory said: "We felt we were getting mis-treated at Holmer. I got the impression we were in the way and that we were being treated like second class citizens, not like a Football League club should be."

But he is delighted with his new training ground, which is not costing any more than Holmer Green.

He said: "It's first class, we've got free-run of the place and it feels like our own place."

Holmer groundsman Don Want said: "It was perfect harmony as far as I was concerned apart from the odd skirmish. We looked after them, I'm devastated they've gone."

● Saffery officer Frank Knowles said stewards found two away fans trying to get into Adams Park with knives last season

● Fit-again Jason Cousins accepts he may have a long wait to get the captaincy back off Paul McCarthy.

Cousins said: "Macca's had a tremendous first couple of months and I don't see any reason why he should have it taken away from him."