

Sanchez's jigsaw is taking shape

MIDFIELDER Michael Simpson has signed a new two-year contract to stay at Adams Park as boss Lawrie Sanchez puts together the pieces of his jigsaw for next season.

The creative star is the latest to sign up for Sanchez's bright new world and the boss now wants Paul McCarthy to commit himself to the Adams Family as well.

Macca has been offered a new deal which the Irishman is considering.

Sanchez is determined to build a side which will challenge for promotion in whatever division they are in next season.

He has already broken the club's transfer record to sign Sean Devine for £200,000 from Barnet and has brought in Jamie Bates and the untried Richard Thompson on free transfers.

He will spend the summer trawling the free transfer market for signings with a burly striker and a couple of widemen top of his list.

He said: "We need two or three more players for next season to be a good squad in whatever division we are in."

"No matter what division we're in, I expect to be in the play-off positions and going for it."

Sanchez said: "Devine and Baird really excite me but sometimes you need a big frontman at this level who can batter their centre halves. It was evident against Gillingham that we didn't have one."

Wanderers will play a pre-season friendly in Dublin and Sanchez is looking for four sponsors to help finance the trip.

He is inviting four people, each paying £1,000 to join him and the team on the three day trip. The

Blues boss wants three more for his team

package includes all flights, accommodation in the team hotel, match tickets and all food and drink.

The players fly out on Friday, July 23 and return on Sunday 25 with the match expected to kick off at 6pm on Saturday evening.

Sanchez said: "It will be a good team bonding exercise and it will give the lads something to aim for in pre-season. I'll only be taking a small squad and this will give them something to work for because they won't want to miss it."

It is a tempting carrot to dangle in front of the squad who can expect to go through hell in pre-season.

Sanchez is planning to bring former Olympic legend Daley Thompson in for two weeks to get the players in tip-top condition for the new campaign.

The boss was alarmed at the players lack of fitness when he took over from Neil Smillie in February.

● Blues reserves were held to a 0-0 draw by Swindon at Adams Park on Monday.

● Sanchez received a standing ovation from fans when he revealed at last week's supporters forum that he received £250,000 from Reading for Keith Scott.

● Sanchez was not unduly worried by Saturday's bad results elsewhere for Wycombe and said: "It's a waste of time looking at other people's results, we can't rely on other teams. We've got to get out of this ourselves and I think three wins out of the last five games will do it."

Blues' big decision

CHAIRMAN Ivor Beeks will discuss possible changes to the club's constitution with representatives of the Official and Independent Supporters Club next month.

Any changes could possibly open the way for a big money backer to join the board.

Beeks said: "It's a subject we need to walk very slowly with. It's got to be for the benefit of Wycombe Wanderers and not someone who might be waiting out there with a lot of money."