

OLYMPIC legend Daley Thompson looks set to help Wycombe Wanderers' bid for the play-offs next season.

Adams Park chief Lawrie Sanchez wants the Olympic star to put the team through their paces when they return for pre-season training on July 1.

The Blues boss has booked his team into RAF Halton for two weeks and has asked Thompson to come on board as his fitness instructor for week one.

He said: "Daley's a winner and players learn from winners."

Wanderers' players will be put through the mill like never before this summer.

Sanchez was alarmed by their lack of fitness when he took over from the sacked Neil Smillie last season and he is demanding that his players are fitter and stronger for next year's campaign which he hopes will finish in play-off glory.

Sanchez knows Thompson from his Wimbledon

Sanchez to put his troops through paces

days. Thompson was the fitness coach at Selhurst Park and Sanchez is confident he can get him onside to spearhead the Blues on their punishing fitness programme.

He persuaded Thompson to have a spell with Wycombe last year and is keen to get him back again.

Daley or no Daley, Sanchez has promised his players that the RAF fortnight will be no picnic.

The players will not see a football for the entire two-week duration as Sanchez puts fitness before finesse at the start of training.

The price is light to get more fans

WYCOMBE Wanderers are lowering ticket prices in a bid to give boss Lawrie Sanchez money to buy players and attract families.

Directors at the club have taken the step to encourage more families to see home games which they believe will mean higher gates and more revenue for the club to allow Sanchez to speculate on the transfer market.

The decision will also see a general reduction in season ticket prices.

The price of a typical adult's season ticket which cost £265 last season, is now available at £252, if it is bought before July 16.

The price of an adult season ticket on the terrace has also been dropped from £165 for last season to £162.

The price of children's matchday ticket in the family enclosure in the Syan stand has dropped from £6 to £5.

A premium child's seat in the Amersham and Wycombe College stand will be dropped from £13 to £9

and Adult tickets for the same stand have been pegged at £15.

Mark Austin, the club's sales and marketing manager sees the move as a vote of confidence in Sanchez and hopes fans will seize the incentive to get behind the Blues next season.

He said: "Rather than increase the price of tickets to raise revenue, the board have decided to take the bold step of lowering prices and hope more fans get behind the club.

"Lawrie has given us new vision and purpose, I hope the fans take the chance to respond and support him.

"This is a big experiment for the club and for it to work we need about 500 more fans on average per home game."

The Blues boss, who underwent surgery for a knee injury on Monday in a private hospital, will be out for three weeks, but the operation should allow him to take a full part in next season's training.

Club spokesman Alan Hutchinson said: "It's an old injury which Lawrie picked up when he was playing with Wimbledon.

"He likes to take a full part in training and the operation to clean up the knee should allow him to do so."

"Obviously every one at the club wishes him a speedy recovery."

With a speedy recovery the operation should allow Sanchez to put his team through their paces, when pre season training begins on July 1 and the squad travel to RAF Halton, near Wendover, for two weeks of intensive training.

Mr Hutchinson added: "When Lawrie came here he felt the players were lacking in fitness, we have used Halton before and it will give the staff a chance to work intensely with the players."

It is hoped that Olympic medal winner Daley Thompson will be able to work with the squad.