



PRE-SEASON RUN-IN: Wanderers went back to work this week with a series of tough training workouts at RAF Halton. The Blues are being knocked into shape by the RAF's physical training instructors and so far everyone has come through, bar captain Jason Cousins who is out injured. But boss Lawrie Sanchez has warned his players that the training will get tougher.

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Moody Blues pay the price

WYCOMBE Wanderers will play the entire 1999/2000 season with a guillotine hanging over their heads after the FA hit them with a £20,000 suspended fine for topping the second division bad-boys table last season.

The moody Blues will have to cough up the cash if they do not clean up their act next season and chairman Ivor Beeks is fuming.

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much. It's the first time in the history of the club that we've been before the FA and I think it is an extraordinarily heavy amount given our previous good record.

"I'm very unhappy about it. The FA have put a sword over our heads for the whole season, but as long we get our act together next year it will not be implemented."

And the no-nonsense chairman is determined not to pay-out.

He said: "We have got to clean the situation up and we will. We don't want to be spending our money on fines to the FA."

That means players like Steve Brown, the worst offender with 74 of the club's 508 disciplinary points, will have to mend his ways.

Wanderers have not been told how much they will have to improve their disciplinary record by to prevent the fine being activated

but it is clear that anything close to repeating the 109 bookings and seven red cards they got last season will not be tolerated.

But while Beeks was fuming Blues boss Lawrie Sanchez, who has already lodged an appeal over his own six-match touchline ban for swearing at referee David Laws at Preston last season, was reasonably happy with the outcome.

He said: "It's what I expected. They want an improvement and it is my job to make sure they get it."