

Boss: It's all speculation

BLUES boss Lawrie Sanchez has poured cold water on reports linking striker Jermaine McSporry with a move to Bristol City.

He said: "I've heard nothing from Bristol City or anyone else regarding him. I haven't had a bid for him or any of my players. Speculation is part and parcel of football."

But the Blues boss is not unhappy about it.

He said: "It shows that the players are doing well if they're being talked about in the papers and linked with other clubs."

Sanchez has also scotched national press rumours that Blues are in the hunt for Jamie Lambert who played against them for Oxford last week.

Sanchez said: "I offered him the chance to come here at the end of last season and he was dismissive of the club and my offer and I have since shown no interest in him touting himself around."

● Postman Carl Bartley gave Wycombe Wanderers another reminder of his talents when he scored for Walton and Hersham in their 1-1 draw at Gravesend and Northfleet on Saturday.

The 6ft 3in target man, who impressed Sanchez during a trial match last week, enhanced his reputation with Walton's only goal on Saturday and Blues will invite him along for a trial at the



Jermaine McSporry: A rose between thorns

club next week.

● Bury are offering Blues fans a special £31 VIP package for their match against Wycombe at Gigg Lane on Saturday, September 18.

The package, which is £5 cheaper for juniors, and includes a pre-match meal and Bucks fizz reception must be booked in advance on (0161) 705 2144.

Bury spokesman Peter Young said: "It'll be a great afternoon and it's far too cheap."

● Jason Cousins picked up his second successive booking in a reserve match when he was yellow carded in Wednesday's 2-0 defeat at Cambridge United.

Cousins was booked for his reaction to United being awarded a hotly disputed penalty at his expense.

Paul Emblen also talked himself into the referee's notebook as the Blues lost their second match in the Avon Insurance Combination.

The scoreline was harsh on the Blues who, in the first half particularly, had the better of things.

● The Independent Supporters club is running coaches to next week's games at West Bromwich Albion and Bury.

For details contact Colin Butler on (01494) 536270.

● Next week's reserve game at home to Bristol Rovers in the Avon Insurance League Cup has been put back 24 hours to Wednesday, September 15 (ko 2pm) to avoid clashing

with the first team's Worthington Cup second round, first leg clash against West Bromwich Albion at the Hawthorns.

The following week's reserve game at home to Northampton has also been put back 24 hours to Wednesday, September 22 to avoid clashing with the second leg of the Worthington Cup match.