



**HEADING FOR A REUNION:** Blues star Keith Ryan is hoping to kick off his testimonial year with a game against Leicester City in pre-season. Former Blues boss Martin O'Neill has agreed in principle to bring his Worthington Cup winners to Wycombe but it is all dependent on a mutually agreeable date being found. Meanwhile, ex-Wanderer Matt Crossley has abandoned plans to complete his testimonial year with a benefit match at Adams Park.

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# Boss set to rule out loan option

BLUES boss Lawrie Sanchez has warned fans not to expect any fresh faces as transfer deadline day approaches.

The boss has decided to stick with what he has got and wait for his injured players to return rather than importing loans before the March 23 transfer deadline.

But, unlike last year, Sanchez is not under pressure from the board to sell or trim the wage bill.

Sanchez said: "I've decided to work with what we've already got unless something drastic happens. It gives the younger players the chance to show me what they can do for next season."

"Ideally I'd have liked to have

had a few more points on the board before throwing them in but it's a good chance for them to show me what they can do."

Sanchez arrived at his decision after monitoring the injury situation which saw seven players out last Saturday.

But Keith Ryan and Matt Lawrence are back in contention for tomorrow's trip to Stoke and the visit of Wigan on Tuesday, while Paul McCarthy, Sean Devine and Andy Baird all have a chance for next weekend's excursion to Bournemouth.

And Paul Emblen is getting close to playing some reserve games again after his broken ankle is healing.

● The players had a day at the races on Tuesday with Sanchez organising a trip to Cheltenham for the second year running.

Skipper Keith Ryan, who backed a couple of winners, said: "It was good for the lads to get away together outside of football. A few years ago all the players used to go

out on a Saturday night but it doesn't happen now because everyone lives so far apart."

● Assistant boss Terry Gibson finished on the losing side as he turned out alongside former Blues boss Neil Smillie for Rod Stewart's veterans team in their 5-3 defeat against Heybridge Swifts veterans.