

Devine signs up for more

... and boss checks out Scott as a partner

SEAN Devine has signed a one-year extension to his contract tying him to Blues until 2003 – and the BFP can reveal boss Lawrie Sanchez spent his Bank Holiday checking out former striker Keith Scott as a possible partner for him.

Sanchez who sold Scott for £250,000 last season to fund Devine's transfer, watched the striker get substituted at half time during Reading's 2-0 Berks and Bucks Cup final defeat at Aylesbury on Monday.

Reading offered Scott back to Wanderers for £50,000 in transfer deadline week. Wycombe could not raise the fee but they are clearly still keeping tabs on him, although Wanderers have pointed out that they are also looking at other younger strikers.

Scott, who will be 33 next month, said: "I know nothing about it. I've got a year left at Reading and from my point of

view, until I hear anything different, I will prepare to return to pre-season training with Reading on July 6."

Meanwhile Devine, who has scored 23 league goals and two more in the cups this season to become Blues' new goal hero, is delighted with his new deal.

He said: "I'm very pleased, they've looked after me. I know there has been some transfer speculation but I don't listen to that. It's out of my hands.

"If the club get an offer for me which they want to accept then I'll go if it's right for me but at this moment I want to stay here. The club have looked after me and I want to repay that with goals."

Devine, who once had a reputation of being a problem player at his previous clubs, is blossoming under Sanchez at Adams Park.

He said: "Me and managers haven't always seen eye to eye in the past. They seem to think I've got an attitude problem but

Lawrie just lets me express myself and play football. He gives me a kick up the backside but in the right way.

"When I've been at other clubs I've never done anything wrong but I seem to get this label because I'm a bit different and flamboyant. I train as hard as anyone and as long as I'm doing it on the pitch that's all that matters.

"I wouldn't be playing if I didn't work as hard as anyone else."

● Wanderers took £120,000 in season ticket sales within the first six days of them going on sale.

The cheapest early bird deadline expires at 5.15pm at Wanderers in Town and 11.30am at Adams Park tomorrow, when the supporters coaches leave for Cambridge.

● A strong reserve side, including eight first teamers, lost 1-0 at Millwall on Tuesday to give The Lions the Combination League title while Blues finished bottom.