

Blues land £150,000 sponsorship deal

WANDERERS have landed one of the biggest sponsorship deals in their history with Bartercard paying up to £150,000 to sponsor the ground.

The Sunbury-based company has signed a one-year contract with the option of two extra years worth up to £150,000.

The deal, which does not include VAT, is one of the biggest sponsorships in the club's history and Bartercard are keen to send more money Blues' way.

They are interested in bidding for the lucrative

shirt sponsorship when Verco's current deal with the club expires.

Bartercard, who already sponsor Indie car racing, opted to make Wanderers their only Football League club despite holding talks with Fulham as well.

Managing director Mike Timoney said: "We were looking to get into a team which we think has good potential."

Under the terms of the sponsorship deal, the ground will now be referred to as Adams Park sponsored by Bartercard.

Beeks 'over the moon' with training deal

CHAIRMAN Ivor Beeks has said he is "over the moon" that the club have exchanged contracts on the new training ground.

He said: "It is a tremendous filip for the club."

But the club have rubbished rumours that it will enable them to set up a youth academy. They also insist they have no plans yet to take the youth matches away from Molins.

Although Blues are now using the new training ground at Booker, the club has plenty of work to do on the existing pitches and plans to turn the existing badminton hall into an indoor training facility.

The Blues were previously

training 15 miles away at RAF Halton which Sanchez described as a logistical nightmare.

● Defender Alan Beeton has returned to training after injuring his knee as a back seat passenger in a car crash.

The unlucky defender, who also missed the start of last season with meningitis, is targetting the reserves' game at Oxford on August 30 for his comeback.

● Goalkeeper Mark Osborn has been recalled from his loan at Marlow after just one game even though Wanderers boss Lawrie Sanchez has not put a sub goalkeeper on the bench this season and also has

Mark Westhead in reserve.

● Wanderers are looking for new ballboys and ballgirls this season aged between 12 and 16 years. The job comes complete with free admission to all Wanderers home matches.

For details call Trixie Schofield on (01494 472100).

● The Blues have amended the attendance for last Saturday's first home match of the season against Northampton. The crowd was 5,416 instead of the 4,806 originally given.

● If Blues' line-up stays unchanged tomorrow it will be the first time Sanchez has picked the same side four games running.