

BLUES TAKE NIALI

International joins Blues on trial but won't play tonight

WYCOMBE Wanderers have signed Canadian international striker Niall Thompson on a month's trial.

But the 26-year-old's clearance did not come through in time for him to feature in the squad for tonight's trip to Wrexham.

Boss Lawrie Sanchez said: "We will have a look at him for a month. We've brought him in because we've got Andy Baird, Sean Devine and Paul Emblen injured so we are a bit light up front."

FOOTBALL
By Dave Peters

Thompson once played for Brentford, but after being released by Ron Noades he returned to his native country and was in the same international squad as Blues right back Mark Rogers, who was instrumental in persuading him to come over for a trial.

With Thompson unavailable, Blues will stick with the team which finished last Saturday's match against league leaders Walsall and won 3-1 with Andy Rammell scoring two against the club which sold him six weeks ago.

Victory fired Wanderers up to fourth in the table and Sanchez is looking for them to continue their climb tonight against the Welshmen who kept only their first clean sheet of the season in a 1-0 win over Swansea on Saturday.

Mark Rogers, who was substituted on Saturday, will miss out as Sanchez opts to put him back in the reserves to build up his confidence.

Sanchez said: "He's a hit a wall at the moment and we're going to take him out of the firing line."

That means Jason Cousins retains his place in a back five after his sterling second half display as a substitute.

Midfielder Dannie Bulman will miss his third successive match with his sore toe and is doubtful of making Saturday's home clash against Bristol City.

Steve Brown plays his last game tonight before his three-match suspension which begins on Saturday.