

Sanchez may not spend out

FOOTBALL: Blues boss Lawrie Sanchez has warned fans that he could keep his summer spending money in his pocket and start the season with the squad he has already got.

Sanchez has spoken to dozens of clubs and agents in his player hunt but admitted no new arrivals are imminent.

He said: "Everyone is playing a game of chicken at the moment. I've spoken to a lot of people but I won't be rushing into anything.

"I've got some money to spend and I want to get two or three people in before the season starts but if there is nothing in our price range that is better than what we've got then I'm not going to spend the money just because it is there."

Sanchez has been met by inflated transfer fees and exorbitant wage demands so far this summer.

He said: "I know the fans will be disappointed, but if we have to start with the squad which finished last season plus Jermaine McSparran, Andy Rammell, Paul Emblen and Mark Rogers, who will be fit again, I'd be reasonably happy."

● Division Two rivals Oldham are hoping to sign Sam Parkin on a year's loan from Chelsea.

Parkin, who had a successful three-month loan with Wanderers last season, turned down a permanent move to Wycombe because he felt he could do a job at Division One level but finished the season on loan at Oldham.

● Wanderers' proposal to have a two-up, two-down system of promotion and relegation between the Nationwide League Division Three and the Conference was thrown out by the Football League's other chairmen at their AGM.

Blues were the only club to vote in favour of their own proposal.