

Currie transfer runs into snag

WYCOMBE Wanderers are still hoping that Darren Currie will sign for them today despite an 11th hour hitch in his transfer yesterday.

The deal was held up after complications at the Barnet end and a stunned Currie, who had been expecting to take part in his first pre-season training session at Adams Park, was sent home instead.

Blues boss Lawrie Sanchez was still working last night to save the deal and complete his first signing of the summer.

He said: "We're optimistic that it will still go through and that he will be training with us

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tomorrow. We've agreed everything at this end but there is a small problem at Barnet which we are hoping to sort out and the lad is caught in the middle."

Blues secretary Keith Allen said: "There's no problem between Wycombe and Barnet but there's a small hiccup between Barnet and the player."

The hold-up came out of the blue after the two clubs had agreed a £200,000 fee for the 26-year-old winger, who was so desperate to join the Blues that he took just 90 minutes to agree

terms.

After passing his medical on Tuesday, Currie turned up at Wycombe yesterday expecting to complete the formalities and take part in the first day of pre-season training - only to be told that the transfer had run into complications.

Earlier in the week Currie had described Wycombe as his dream move.

He said: "I'm over the moon. The move is everything I ever wanted. The club is ambitious to reach the first division and so am I. I'm confident in my ability and I will be giving the club everything."

Sanchez was equally ecstatic to land the winger, who can

operate on either flank and who scored 11 times for Barnet last season while being selected for the PFA Third Division Team of the Year for the second year running.

Sanchez said: "He scores goals, he makes goals, he's exciting to watch and the fans will love him, and though £200,000 is a lot of money for a club like ours, I'm confident he'll perform on the park for us as he has done for Barnet for the past three seasons."

Meanwhile as Sanchez battled to keep Currie's move alive, he all but conceded defeat in his bid to sign Port Vale striker Tony Naylor.

The 34-year-old, who scored

20 times for Vale last year, is available on a free transfer after they offered him a new contract worth less money than he was on.

Sanchez said: "I spoke to Tony. He's an excellent box player who knows how to put the ball in the net and we made him a very good offer. But he doesn't want to move from where he's based and doesn't fancy spending two-and-a-half hours travelling every day."

Sanchez added: "We need two more players and I'm trying to get them. There's money available and I'm talking to people."

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