

# Blues fans can stay standing

WANDERERS have dismissed fans' fears that they are about to turn Adams Park into an all-seater stadium by insisting that they have no plans to seat the Valley Terrace or to transfer home fans into the new 2,000-seater away stand.

Secretary Keith Allen and director Mike Greatwood both confirmed at last week's supporters meeting at Adams Park that they have no wish to seat home supporters who wish to stand.

● International defender Mark Rogers says he will put club before country if it comes to the crunch.

He said: "I'm proud to represent my country but Wycombe pay my wages and they are my first priority.

"It's an honour to play for Canada, I know it is not Italy or Germany, but if it came to a choice, playing for Wycombe is number one and that's the way it has to be."

● Manager Lawrie Sanchez has defended the club's decision to have an overnight hotel stop for long-distance away games even though the club has only harvested one away point out of nine this season.

He said: "When I first came here there was talk in the boardroom of not having overnight stops because the team hadn't won an away match but my opinion is that if you are going to fail you might as well fail doing the right things. If you do things right over the course of time you will get the benefits of it and we will continue to do the right things."

● Sanchez also admitted at Thursday's forum that it was his decision to turn down a pre-season tour to St Kitts in the summer.

He said: "I felt it was a long way to go for two games of dubious quality.

"It is half the way around the world and we would have been losing ten days, that's one third of pre-season training for the sake of a bit of sun.

"It's nice to go somewhere warm but you can do that on your holidays."

He also felt such a long time away together could have had a detrimental effect on team spirit.

He said: "When players are around each other for ten days they get on each others nerves, let alone mine."

Wanderers were invited to the sunshine isle after their run to the semi-final of the FA Cup last year and secretary Keith Allen confirmed that the offer extends to next season as well.

● Sanchez has admitted that if Sean Devine is not fit by Christmas he fears he will never play again.

He said: "If he hasn't played this season I can't see him coming back."

● The Blues boss also showed he hasn't got his head in the clouds when it comes to the money he has to spend on players.

He said: "Everybody would like to have a Ferrari outside their house but if you cannot afford one you can't have one and you've got to make do with a Ford Escort."

● The new electronic scoreboard at the away end is unlikely to be ready tomorrow after the contractors failed to turn up on Monday delaying the project.

● Wycombe fans can save up to £2 each by buying tickets in advance for next Saturday's Thames Valley derby at Reading and help the club at the same time.

Wanderers will receive five per cent of the value of all the tickets they sell from Adams Park but won't get a penny of the receipts which are generated by on-the-day sales in the away end.

Blues have been allocated 3,000 tickets for the clash and they are available now priced at £13 or £8 concessions.

Wanderers are hoping to turn the away end at The Madejski into a sea of orange for the game with the club's first ever themed away day.

Fans are being encouraged to wear anything in the colours of the club's new away strip and there will be prizes for the best dressed fans.

Orange wigs, t-shirts and replica shirts are currently on sale at Wanderers In Town and Adams Park along with face paint and other colourful accessories.

● Former Blues FA Cup hero Roy Essandoh trial with Conference side Barnet has come to nothing and he's looking elsewhere.

The Teletext Kid scored Wycombe's quarter-final winner at Leicesters after answering an advert on the TV text.

● Youth team keeper Steve Williams has joined Beaconsfield SYCOB on loan. He conceded a goal within nine minutes of his debut on Monday as the Spartan Leaguers drew 1-1 against Brook House.

## HOW THEY STAND

| Team         | P | W | D | L | F | A | W | D | L | F | A | Pt |
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| Brentford    | 5 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 8 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 13 |
| Colchester   | 6 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 7 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 7 | 5 | 13 |
| Huddersfield | 6 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 5 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 3 | 3 | 13 |
| Oldham       | 6 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 7 | 4 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 7 | 5 | 12 |
| Bristol C    | 5 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 4 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 5 | 1 | 11 |
| Brighton     | 6 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 8 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 11 |
| Reading      | 5 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 4 | 0 | 10 |
| Wycombe      | 6 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 6 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 5 | 8  |
| Cardiff      | 4 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 3 | 2 | 8  |
| Notts Co     | 5 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 5 | 4 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 4 | 4 | 8  |
| Swindon      | 6 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 4 | 3 | 8  |
| QPR          | 6 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 8  |
| Peterboro    | 6 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 3 | 3 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 4 | 8  |
| Stoke        | 5 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 4 | 3 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 7  |
| Port Vale    | 6 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 8 | 5 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 5 | 7  |
| Tranmere     | 6 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 3 | 4 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 3 | 7 | 5  |
| Wigan        | 4 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 3 | 2 | 4  |
| Blackpool    | 5 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 4 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 6 | 4  |
| Bournemouth  | 5 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 4 | 5 | 3  |
| Wrexham      | 4 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 4 | 4 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 4 | 7 | 3  |
| Chesterfield | 6 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 3 | 8 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 3  |
| Bury         | 5 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 1 | 7 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 3  |
| N'thamptn    | 6 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 3 | 9 | 3  |
| Cambridge    | 6 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 2 | 5 | 2  |

## Hamman gets a rap for his goal antics

SAM Hamman has been rapped over the knuckles by the Football League and banned from the touchline following complaints from Wycombe Wanderers.

The Blues kicked up a stink after Cardiff owner Hamman cavorted behind Martin Taylor's goal during his side's opening-day victory over the Blues at Ninian Park.

Wanderers complained that his behaviour was off-putting to the team and demanded action was taken to stop the self-styled millionaire doing it again.

And the Football League agreed.

They have reprimanded Hamman and told him his actions were inappropriate for a club official and ordered him to either watch the action from the directors box or the terraces.