

BLUES BID FOR SWANSEA STAR

WANDERERS are closing in on Swansea winger Stuart Roberts and could sign him in time for Saturday's trip to Bristol City.

The Blues have had a £100,000 bid accepted by the cash-strapped Welshmen and are now hoping to persuade the former Welsh U21 international to leave the club he joined straight from school.

The 21-year-old is due at Adams Park today to discuss the move but Wycombe boss Lawrie Sanchez is

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not counting his chickens.

Only last week, Roberts, who is on a week-to-week contract at The Vetch because of their financial situation, insisted he would not be forced out by controversial new chairman Tony Petty.

But his hand appears to be being forced by Swansea's situation with players reportedly being asked to take 60 per cent pay cuts.

Sanchez, who celebrated his 150th game in charge of the Blues during Saturday's 1-1 draw with Bournemouth, said: "It is a delicate situation. We've made an offer which has been accepted and I hope to speak to the player this week.

"He's a young lad and it's got to be right for him. We have got to have a happy club and we want our players to be happy."

Roberts is Swansea's top scorer with five this season and Sanchez is

keen to add him to his squad at the knockdown fee.

Last season Swansea rated him in the £250,000 bracket and even though he is widely regarded as a better player now, Swansea's cash crisis has forced them to reluctantly accept the Chairboys' cut-price offer.

Sanchez said: "He's got pace, he's tenacious and he scores goals.

"We need to strengthen the team in one or two areas and he is someone I would like to bring in."

Swansea have been playing him as a striker this season but Sanchez wants him for his wing skills.

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