

Falcon lands right on cue

WANDERERS have signed Wrexham striker Craig Faulconbridge on a three year deal – just one month after the BFP exclusively revealed he was on his way.

We told you on April 19 that the 24-year-old would arrive at Adams Park this summer on a free transfer and he duly signed on Wednesday.

Wanderers boss Lawrie Sanchez said: "I am delighted to have Craig join us, he is a natural goalscorer and will fit in here very well.

"His signing brings the strike force to five and will put pressure on the others who will have to fight for places.

"Having cut the squad in the summer, Craig's arrival will add to the quality we need to achieve further improvement next season. At 24, he will also help to bring the age of the team down, which is something I am trying hard to do."

Wanderers saw off the challenge of Oldham, Stockport, Port Vale and Crewe to sign the striker, who scored 14 times for the relegated Welshmen last season – and have saved themselves £200,000 into the bargain.

Wanderers had a £150,000 bid turned down by the Red Dragons earlier in the season

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and then went back in with a £200,000 bid but they have now been able to pick him up for nothing on a Bosman.

The arrival of the 6ft 1ins striker could not have been better timed for Wanderers with the discounted season ticket sales starting tomorrow and lasting until July 6.

Faulconbridge is delighted to sign and is looking forward to linking up with his new team-mates in June.

He told Wanderers' official website: "I am overjoyed to be coming to Wycombe. They are a club I have admired from afar, whenever I have played against them it has always been a match with plenty of incident and sometimes plenty of goals.

"I am aware of some of their players and am looking forward to becoming part of the scene.

"Lawrie Sanchez is ambitious for the club and I know the first division is a real target for everyone. If I can be a part of making that happen then it will be terrific."

His arrival marks the end of a long chase for Wanderers. They also tried to sign him two years ago but then he opted to



stay loyal to Wrexham.

● Wanderers have turned down home pre-season friendlies with Tottenham, Coventry and Watford to give their new Desso pitch time to bed in.

But the Blues will still face

north London opposition. They will travel to Conference side Barnet on Saturday August 3.

They are also hoping to confirm matches in Scotland on Saturday, July 27 and Monday, July 29, next week.

● The new home and away replica shirts will go on sale on June 1.

● Wanderers' programme is going up to £2.50 next season but fans will get eight extra pages for their money.

Million pound deal rests with the council

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McLean said: "Wycombe has always been our preferred destination and the only reason we considered Oxford was because of the hiccup in planning."

Wasps officials have spent three days at Adams Park this week and McLean said: "We'd be very disappointed if planning permission doesn't go our way.

"I believe we've done our

best to put many of the Sands residents fears to rest. I think the local residents and the people of Wycombe will enjoy rugby being played here."

Wasps arrival would be a financial lifeline for the Blues. They have lost £366,000 from the collapsed ITV Digital deal and gambled £500,000 on a new pitch for Wasps.

If Blues are granted permission, it has been recommended for two years

only and the clubs will have to sign a legally binding document promising to implement the travel plan.

The planners will also decide whether Wanderers can retain their upper tier car park and keep their club shop.

● The BFP will be holding back its Midweek deadline in a bid to get the result of the meeting in Tuesday's paper. It will also be on our website at www.bucksfreepress.co.uk