

Blues turn away 500 players

WANDERERS have turned away more than 300 players this summer the Free Press can reveal.

The Blues were offered 50 players in one day last week but started pre-season training on Monday without any triallists on board.

Coach Terry Gibson said: "It's been amazing. There are so many players with Football League backgrounds looking for clubs.

"There's a lot of names that you instantly recognise and it saddens me. It's getting more and more desperate and there will be a lot of players out of work."

Wanderers haven't completely slammed the door shut on the job hunters saying there could be one or two places up for grabs during the pre-season games.

Clubs have cut back on the size of their squads because of the collapse of the ITV Digital television deal and Wanderers boss Lawrie Sanchez is happy with what he's got after landing Wrexham striker Craig Faulconbridge in the summer.

He said: "I'm very buoyant about the season. I think we've got strength in depth in most areas now. I look at the players on my board and I think that's not bad, but football is not played on a board."