

Sanchez signs new contract



New contract: Lawrie Sanchez

WANDERERS boss Lawrie Sanchez and his assistant Terry Gibson have both signed one year extensions to their contracts, tying them to the club until July 31, 2005.

They were offered the deals after an un-named first division club tried to poach Sanchez during the summer.

But Sanchez wanted to stay on and finish the job he started in February 1999.

He said: "We are delighted to extend the contracts by a year. I believe during the course of the contract we can achieve everyone's desire of First Division football.

"Much hard work will depend on the staff, the players and the supporters but we are moving slowly but surely in the right direction and hopefully this will give us the time to realise that dream.

"Despite having had several approaches from other clubs during my time here I am happy to remain as manager of Wycombe Wanderers and continue to do so."

Blues chairman Ivor Beeks said: "It is great news for the club. There is no question about it. I believe that Division One football is possible with Lawrie at the helm. Over the three years that he has been here we have got better and better.

"I think he is the best manager in our division with the resources that our available to him.

"He was approached by a first division club earlier this year and chose not to speak to them and with the greatest respect to that club I would think that his next step would be the Premiership."