

# City given Devine deadline

WANDERERS have given Exeter seven days to sign Sean Devine or forget it.

The club want an end to the transfer saga one way or the other and say if City don't come up with a satisfactory Pay as You Play deal by then, the deal is dead.

Blues boss Lawrie Sanchez said: "It needs to be tied up one way or the other. It's unsettling to everyone."

Exeter originally agreed a fee up to £80,000 for the 30-year-old striker but pulled out when a medical revealed problems with Devine's old knee injury.

The third division side are now trying to renegotiate what would have been their record ever fee in favour of a series of appearance-related fees.

Sanchez said: "It's in the hands of the chairmen. They are trying to sort out something. Exeter want him, they're just worried that his knee is going to break down.

"The MRI scan showed up that his knee isn't the best that's been through a medical and it's left everything in limbo.

"It's been a long complicated deal and we need to find out if it's dead in the water."

If it goes through, Sanchez will use the money saved on Devine's wages to loan a defender to strengthen a rearguard that's leaked 13 goals in the last five home games.

Devine returned on Saturday but was left out of the squad.

He said: "I've always said I want to stay at Wycombe.

"I know Exeter are paying a lot of money but everyone's a risk. I just want it sorted out. There's nothing wrong with my knee.

"I still consider myself a Wycombe player and expect to stay here, but if something happens and Exeter want to speak to me again I'm willing to talk, but I feel I've got something to offer in this league.

"Whether I get that chance with Wycombe is down to the gaffer. I've told him I'll give him 100 per cent while I'm here and see what happens at the end of the season."

Sanchez said: "I've got no problems with Sean. If he comes back he'll be part of our plans. But there are no guarantees beyond the end of this season that we'd be able to offer him the same deal he's on at the moment.