

Sanchez wants to turn Blues into the next Bristol City

WANDERERS boss Lawrie Sanchez has pleaded with the fans for patience while he turns his team into the next Bristol City.

The Blues chief wants to use the second half of the season to try out his promising batch of youngsters but has warned supporters to expect the odd setback on the way.

The gaffer is planning a big summer clearout and a complete revamp of his squad and wants this season's youngsters to be groomed and ready for the fight next season.

He said: "I want us to be the next Bristol City. They have done what I want to do and you only have to look at the success they are having now.

"They have gone through the transitional stage. They blooded the youngsters and had some disappointing results for a while. We used to go down there and beat them but they are reaping the rewards now.

"They have turned into an excellent side now with a mixture of good experience in terms of Tony Butler, Brian Tinnion and Peter Beadle, with a good mixture of kids."

Now Sanchez is planning to model his Adams Park revolution on the Ashton Gate model.

He said: "The future of this club is the kids. We've got some exciting young players here. Jonny Dixon and Lewis Cook have already shown what they can and we have already seen Roger Johnson and Danny Senda come through.

"That's the future of this club mixed with some good experienced players on the way.

"But supporters must be patient. They are young players and they are going to have dips in form and they will make mistakes."

● Keeper Frank Talia has signed for another month and boss Lawrie Sanchez now sees him as a real challenger to Martin Taylor.

Talia is wearing the number one jersey at the moment because former Derby stopper Martin Taylor is sidelined with a calf strain.

Sanchez said: "In Frank we've got as good a number two as this club has probably ever had although I don't think Frank would see himself as a

number two.

"In him, we have really got another number one. It's expensive wage-wise to carry two keepers but it's been proven, with the greatest of respect to the younger kids, that you need an experienced number two.

"He's come in and the change has been seamless. We've extended his contract for another month but whether we can afford to keep that situation going is another thing."

● Striker Andy Rammell will be out for a month after tearing his calf in the 2-1 defeat at home to Luton Town.

He said: "It's very disappointing for me. There's never a good time to be out, but we've got Jonny Dixon who has come in and scored goals and been like a breath of fresh air."

Rammell, 35, was substituted as soon as he felt the injury but the damage had already been done.

● Midfielder Ian Simpamba is expected to return to Wanderers on Monday after completing his 93-day loan at Nationwide Conference outfit Woking.

Under loan rules Woking aren't able to extend the deal any further.