

Sanchez returns

WYCOMBE Wanderers manager Lawrie Sanchez returned from holiday to take charge of the fitness programme put in place at the end of last season.

He said, "It seems a strange time to come back. At the moment I can't make up my mind if it is the end of last season or beginning of the new one."

"We are hoping that the players will benefit from the strength and fitness schedule that has been devised."

"This season the young players will have to stand up and be counted, hopefully a few more will come through in the manner of Roger Johnson and Jonny Dixon from last season."

"Our new signing Charlie Mapes looks to have a good engine and he could be one that makes a name for himself."

"We shall also be looking for the likes of Luke Oliver to come through, Lewis Cook to build on what he showed last season and maybe Billy Harding to add another dimension."

"At the moment the board are trying to find some funds for me to bring in another player and enlarge the squad but money is tight."

"The club cannot allow themselves to run out of money and pruning the budget has been a very arduous task since mid-way through last season."

"We have seen experienced players depart, the likes of Devine, Rammell,

McCarthy and Taylor have all gone."

"The search for a young player who can come in for the right money and improve what we already have is the key to what we are trying to do."

"Whatever it is going to be a youthful side next season and we will need bodies to stand up and be counted."

"What we did tell the players today was we want to give them the best chance to be as fit as possible and ready for the battle on Saturday, August 9."

■ Wycombe Wanderers under 19s have landed an interesting clash with South American under 19 international side Paraguay.

The match will be played at Bisham Abbey on Thursday, July 31, kick-off 2pm.

Fans are welcome to attend.

■ Wanderers' new signing, midfielder Charlie Mapes from Berkhamsted Town, will go ahead after the player passed his medical on Friday morning.

■ Existing seat season ticket holders have until tomorrow (Saturday) to re-claim their existing seats for next season.

With this latest deadline approaching, sales are now understood to be close to the 3,000 mark and there is every chance that last season's record sales of 3,500 will be broken.

■ Youth development officer Adrian Cole has left the club after six seasons at Adams Park

Change for the reserves

FOOTBALL: Wanderers' reserves will play in a Central & Eastern division next season, following restructuring of the Football Combination.

Clubs asked for the split because of financial concerns, with Wycombe playing the 15 other clubs on a one-off basis.

Player plea

FOOTBALL: New Sunday League club Wye Rangers want players for next season.

Pre-season training starts on June 25 at Desborough Park and will run each week from 7.00 - 8.30pm. Anyone interested should call manager Darren Keen on 07904 126178

Correction

WE reported last week that the decision to decide whether Wycombe Wanderers' original planning permission includes permission to play rugby will be made by Wycombe District Council.

The decision will actually be made by an independent inspector from the planning inspectorate in Bristol and not the local councillors.

Reception for Wasps

WYCOMBE District Council are planning a civic reception to honour the double-winning Wasps.

Council chairman Dennis Green revealed that plans are afoot to honour the Zurich Premiership champions and Parker Pen European Cup winners with a pre-season reception in the town.

He said: "Wasps are now a major local attraction."

Wasps have just one season left of their current two-year groundshare agreement with Wycombe Wanderers at Adams Park.

But the door could be opened to a much-longer term relationship next month when an independent planning inspector will decide whether the planning permission originally granted for 'football' at Adams Park includes 'rugby football' as well.

If the inspector decides it does, Wanderers and Wasps will be able to groundshare for as long as they like.

But if the independent official rules that it doesn't, the two clubs will have to re-apply to have their temporary two-year groundshare plan extended.