

Gibson's despair

WANDERERS assistant boss Terry Gibson has slammed the punishment handed out to the man who stole his car, calling the sentence an invitation to criminals.

The former Manchester United and Tottenham star was shocked to hear that 21-year-old Duaine South got two years probation and a 12 month driving ban for stealing his £26,000 BMW in April from Blues' training ground.

He said: "It's unbelievable. I thought he'd go to prison. It's no deterrent and if people think they can get away with it they will re-offend and they do."

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Irish chance

WANDERERS rising star Ian Simpemba has been named in the Republic of Ireland's provisional 26-man squad for the U20 World Cup in the United Arab Emirates in November.

The utility player made his debut for his country's U21 as a substitute against Germany in the summer and is now hoping to stay in the U20 frame when the squad is cut down to 22.

In reserve

WANDERERS reserves will have a false start to the season after first-day opponents Luton Town withdrew from the the Pontins Combination.

Wanderers will now start their reserve campaign with a home tie against Reading in the Combination Cup on Wednesday, August 27.