

Wanderers draw Premiership Villa at home in the Carling Cup

WANDERERS have been drawn at home to Premiership Aston Villa in the second round of the Carling Cup – but the plum fixture has been ignored by Sky television bosses.

Sky have opted to choose the first division versus Premiership clash between Coventry and Spurs, and the all-first division match between Cardiff City and West Ham, rather than

bring their cameras to Bucks, where Wanderers will be hoping to spring a cup upset and reach the third round for the first time in their history.

Their decision has denied Wycombe a £100,000 pay-day.

Blues boss Lawrie Sanchez said: "We're disappointed. We'll just have to beat them and see if we can get them here in the next round."

Wanderers will go into the clash on Tuesday, September 23 (ko 7.45pm) full of confidence after having already claimed the cup scalps of five first division sides and one Premiership outfit under Sanchez.

Sanchez said: "It is a game we can look forward to. They aren't having the best of times. They've had a change of manager and didn't start the league

season well. We don't want to get too carried away but we think we have got a chance of beating them."

It will be the first time the sides have met in a competitive fixture but they have met twice in recent pre-season friendly action with the Villains running out 5-0 winners and 3-0 winners in the late 1990s.

The match will also be a big

one for physio Dave Jones. He turned down the chance to follow Blues boss John Gregory to Villa Park when he was head-hunted by the Premiership giants in 1988.

Season tickets holders, who must pay, have until September 16 at the Colchester match to claim their normal seats for the game. Any unclaimed seats will then go on general sale.