

That ear gesture was the final straw

LAWRIE Sanchez wrote his own suicide note when he mockingly cupped his hand to his ear as he was booed by fans during Blues' 5-2 reversal at home to Oldham Athletic.

Sanchez later apologised for his petulant gesture but chairman Ivor Beeks had already decided that was the final straw and sacked him three days later.

Beeks said: "It got to a point where his relationship with the supporters was pretty difficult and this business with the ears was the last resort to be honest."

● Former Wanderers' Youth Team Manager Gary Goodchild guided his Viking Stavanger side to a record 8-0 victory against Tromsø in the Norwegian FA Youth Cup Final last weekend.

Goodchild said: "We played very well and they didn't."

● Chalfont St Peter have decided to keep home advantage for their FA Youth cup tie against Wycombe Wanderers.

The Ryman League Saints were offered the chance to switch the tie to Wanderers' plush Causeway Stadium, which is still referred to as Adams Park by the fans, but decided to keep the tie at Mill Meadow. It takes place on Wednesday, October 22, at 7.45pm.

● Blues chairman Ivor Beeks is in Turkey today with the England U21 squad as part of his job with the FA's International committee.

Beeks flies back tonight and will be at Luton Town watching Wanderers tomorrow instead of staying out there to watch the vital Euro 2004 decider between Turkey and England at the Fenerbahce stadium.

Gregory in 'boss' talks with Beeks

FORMER Wanderers boss John Gregory has spoken to chairman Ivor Beeks about the managerial vacancy at Adams Park – but only to discuss other people who are interested in the job.

Gregory, who is currently without a club and is looking to get back into football after spells with Aston Villa and Derby County, contacted Beeks last Thursday the Free Press can reveal.

Gregory said: "I made a call to Ivor to put forward a couple of names of people who have contacted me about the job."

"It was purely a situation where I had a brief chat about one or two people who had asked me to put their names forward."

Gregory, who is planning to move back to this area from his midlands base, added that he has not applied for the Wycombe job.

Meanwhile the Free Press understands that former Tottenham captain Steve

Perryman has joined big name stars Lou Macari, Jan Molby and Brian Little in applying for the manager's job at Wycombe Wanderers.

Perryman, who has managed in Japan and is currently an unpaid director of football at Conference side Exeter City, put his hat into the ring this week along with former Portsmouth chief Graham Rix.

● Axed Wanderers boss Lawrie Sanchez has given pal Steve Cotterill his blessing to apply for his old job.

Sanchez, who was sacked last week, told the Free Press he has got no problems at all if his old mucker wishes to apply.

He said: "The job is no longer mine. Whoever wants it I have got no problems with."

The Chairboys have so far received around 50 applications for the position, which became vacant when Lawrie Sanchez was sacked after four and half years in the Blues hotseat.