

Blues miss Kop reserve while cash rules Nethercott out

WANDERERS boss Tony Adams missed out with a transfer 'deadline week swoop for a mystery Liverpool reserve.

Adams thought he had a deal lined up a loan deal until the end of the season but it fell through when the player was chosen by Kopites boss Gerrard Houllier to fly with the first team for their UEFA Cup tie in Marseille last night.

Adams said that the player immediately decided that with his sudden elevation to the fringes of Liverpool's first team he wanted to hang around and give it a go.

Meanwhile Blues' cash problems ruled out any moves to keep defender Stuart Nethercott beyond next Saturday's game at home to Port Vale.

Adams said: "He's on too

much money at Millwall and it's not financially do-able for us.

"I will shake his hand say thank you very much.

"He has given me something that we were severely lacking. We need some steel and he has provided it."

The situation may change though if Nethercott finds himself out of contract in the summer.