



Twin targets: David McCracken (orange shirt) is set for transfer talks this week while Graham Coughlan is also on Wanderers' list

LAMBERT FANCIES A BIG MAC

But if the Scot doesn't bite
Coughlan could fit the bill as
Wanderers hunt defenders

PAUL Lambert is set for talks with released Dundee United centre back David McCracken this week.

The Blues boss has made the former Tannadice stalwart his number one defensive target and is confident of making him his fourth signing of the summer.

Lambert declared his interest before the 26-year-old went on

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holiday and hopes to seal the deal now that the player has returned from his break in Mexico.

McCracken has also had interest from SPL side Motherwell but has set his heart on a move to England after nine years in

the Scottish Premier League.

If Lambert cannot agree a deal he will turn his attentions to Sheffield Wednesday's Graham Coughlan.

Lambert had the Dublin-born defender under his wing at Livingston and although reports that the 32-year-old has already penned a two-year-deal at Adams Park are premature, they

could become a reality if the McCracken deal falls through.

Coughlan has made 52 appearances for Wednesday but was sent out on loan to the Owls' Championship rivals Burnley at the end of last season.

Lambert is a long-time admirer of the former Plymouth centre back but faces competition from Swindon's Paul Sturrock

who is also keen.

Meanwhile Lambert is involved in a three way tug-of-war for a left sided midfielder.

Lambert will not name the player in question because he does not want any more clubs to join him in the chase, which currently includes Wanderers and at least one League One club.