

SUDDABY IS SENT PACKING

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BYE-BYE BLUES: Peter Suddaby's off

PETER Suddaby's reign as Blues' boss ended bitterly at the weekend after a 5-1 home defeat by Maidstone.

Club chairman Brian Lee released a statement, saying: "It was mutually agreed that it must be in the best interests of the club to change the manager because the players are not responding to him.

"We bitterly regret the situation because Peter Suddaby has done his best and no blame is attached to him, but survival in the Conference is our number one priority and we must put the club first."

Suddaby, appointed four months ago after Alan Gane's surprise departure, said: "You'll have to ask the club all about it. They seem to know more about it than me and they'll give you the inside information."

"I've had management invitations from other places. But I'm leaving it at that."

Wanderers vice-president and TV commentator Alan Parry shed some light on the situation.

"The club have had some terrible results," he said. "It would be disastrous if they were to repeat their feat of recent years and go straight back down."

"I think the directors just felt that Peter was running out of time and ideas. I believe he was a

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victim of circumstances.

"He lost good players and tried to get more in but couldn't. The results have been going against him and the confidence suffered."

"The club are looking for a new boss and, although there are names heard on the grapevine, nothing can be confirmed at the moment."

John Reardon, who was Suddaby's assistant, has taken over as caretaker manager.

On Saturday, Blues were only a goal down at half-time but they were crushed by a second half blitz from Maidstone.

Two goals after the

restart made it 3-0 to the visitors before Andy Graham gave Wycombe a glimmer of hope. He hit a speculative cross which dipped behind goalie Cawston and found the net.

But any hopes of a revival in the hearts of Blue's fans were killed off by two more Maidstone goals.

Tomorrow Wanderers face a crunch Conference game away at fellow-strugglers Wealdstone.

The Blues signed Martin Roderick from Farnborough Town this week. He used to be a left winger with Portsmouth and the club got him for a nominal fee.