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Crashing defeat is final nail in Suddaby's coffin

WYCOMBE Wanderers Manager Peter Suddaby has left the club following a series of defeats this season.

The official version of events is that the Blues boss left by mutual agreement.

But a stoney silence from Suddaby himself this week added fuel to speculation that the club board put pressure on him to go.

A reluctant statement issued by Blues chairman Brian Lee said: "It has been mutually agreed that it might be in the interests of the club to change the manager because the players are not responding to him. We bitterly regret the decision because Peter Suddaby has done his best and no blame is attached to him."

A tight-lipped Suddaby told the Star: "I don't wish to get involved in a slanging match so we'll just have to go by the club's statement."

The move came after Wycombe's humiliating 5-1 home defeat at the hands on Maidstone on Saturday. Assistant boss John Rardon has been given the role of caretaker until a new manager is appointed and has made it clear he is not in the running for the job.

On the playing side Wanderers visit Wealdstone on Saturday in a crucial relegation clash. Fans can look forward to another new face in the shape of 21-year-old midfielder Martin Roderick signed from Farnborough Town on Tuesday.

New boy Martin Woodall will be fit despite having two stitches above his eye following last week's game. Skipper Keith Barrett, sidelined with a compound fracture, should be back in contention for a place, but striker Mark Boyland has been receiving treatment for a pelvic injury.



● Peter Suddaby