

Now you can see why it was Sanchez

BOARDROOM BANTER

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THE start of a new managerial era at Wycombe Wanderers has produced two much-improved displays and a fresh sense of optimism around the club.

Lawrie Sanchez may have been a surprise choice to many since his name wasn't linked with the job until the last moment.

But he was always on our short list of candidates because of his impressive credentials.

True, Lawrie has never managed a team in the Football League but he has so many outstanding qualities, his lack of experience wasn't considered a disadvantage.

Lawrie is a Londoner, raised in Lambeth, who gets his exotic surname and dark, Latin looks from his father, who hails from South America.

He began his playing career at Reading where he spent seven years making almost 300 appearances under the management of Maurice Evans and Ian Branfoot.

But it was a move to Wimbledon in 1984 that launched Lawrie to football fame.

In ten years with the Dons he played over 300 games and scored some famous goals.

He played under four different managers at Wimbledon - Dave Bassett, Bobby Gould, Don Howe and Joe Kinnear - and has gained valuable advice from all of them.

Lawrie played in all four divisions of the Football League and also represented Northern Ireland at full international level.

Towards the end of his playing days, Lawrie gained the highest possible coaching qualifications to prepare for the day when his playing career ended.

He had a short spell in management with Sligo Rovers in the Irish league and was in charge when they played the famous Belgian club Bruges in the European Cup Winners Cup.

Lawrie returned to his beloved Wimbledon to become first team coach and in recent times has been managing the Dons reserve team.

So, as you can see, our new manager is steeped in the game and has experienced professional football at all levels.

He is reckoned by those in the know to be a potentially outstanding manager of the future.

● Read the views of Wanderers' Official Supporters Club in next week's BFP.

HOW THEY STAND

Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	P	S
Preston	30	8	4	3	32	17	9	4	2	23	13	59	
Fulham	28	11	2	1	27	8	7	3	4	14	13	59	
Walsall	30	9	4	3	24	16	8	2	4	18	17	57	
Gillingham	29	11	3	2	31	11	2	9	2	15	15	51	
Bourn'th	28	10	4	0	30	7	4	4	6	17	20	50	
Stoke	28	8	3	3	21	11	7	0	7	16	17	48	
Man City	30	7	5	2	21	9	6	6	4	15	14	48	
Chest'field	29	11	1	3	25	10	2	5	7	8	16	45	
Wigan	29	7	3	3	21	7	5	4	7	21	22	43	
Millwall	31	5	7	3	21	16	6	3	7	13	21	43	
Blackpool	30	5	6	3	18	14	5	5	6	14	19	41	
Reading	29	6	6	4	21	19	4	4	5	13	20	40	
Luton	28	6	3	4	17	14	4	5	6	21	24	38	
York City	31	4	7	5	21	22	5	1	9	18	30	35	
Colchester	30	5	5	5	15	21	3	6	6	18	23	35	
Burnley	30	5	5	5	14	16	3	4	8	21	33	34	
Wrexham	29	6	3	6	15	19	3	4	7	14	25	34	
Bristol R	27	5	6	3	23	18	2	6	5	16	14	33	
Oldham	30	5	2	7	16	19	4	4	8	14	21	33	
Lincoln	29	6	3	6	20	20	1	3	10	9	27	27	
North'pton	29	2	8	3	12	13	3	3	10	12	21	26	
Notts Co	28	4	3	7	17	19	2	4	8	10	23	25	
Wycombe	30	5	3	8	19	17	0	6	8	8	23	24	
Macc'field	29	3	4	7	10	16	2	5	8	11	21	24	

Get all kitted out in Blue

THE BFP has teamed up with Nationwide to offer a complete Wycombe Wanderers strip to one lucky reader.

You could be kitted out in the famous blue quarters if you answer the question below correctly and your name is pulled out of the hat.

We have a complete adult-sized kit of shirt, shorts and socks to give away.

Q. Who makes the Wycombe kit.

Send your answer to the Sports Editor, Bucks Free Press, Gomm Road, High Wycombe, Bucks HP12 7DW by Wednesday, February 24.

Sanchez: Burnley must be beaten tomorrow

WANDERERS will go out against Burnley at Adams Park tomorrow with the instructions only a win will do.

Boss Lawrie Sanchez said: "We're under no illusions we've got to win it if we want a realistic chance of avoiding relegation. There's no ifs or buts. I can

guarantee there will be the commitment there was against Preston and Fulham. I can't guarantee that Burnley's goalkeeper isn't going to have an absolute blinder but I can guarantee that the team that plays will be giving their lot. We will be offensive from the beginning."

Sanchez adds Steve Brown, Paul McCarthy and Jermaine McSparran to the squad which was on duty at Preston.

Burnley are without defender Neil Moor and midfielder Micky Mellon both suspended and have doubts over Glen Little and Peter Swan.