

Sanchez warns his players to buck up or get out

LAWRIE Sanchez blew his top after Saturday's 2-0 defeat at Bournemouth and warned that unless things change for the better he will change the players.

He stormed into a no-holds barred attack on his team after their day out at the seaside went from very bright at the beginning to overcast at the end.

He slammed the confidence as being 'wafer thin.'

He accused strikers Mark Stallard and Andy Baird of having their minds on transfer talk and contract negotiations.

He rounded on his defence for conceding two shocking goals from set-pieces and accused his players of being too nice.

And he told them that they cannot keep relying on him to change things with a half-time team talk.

Sanchez was alarmed at how quickly Blues' confidence drained away after a bright start in which they threatened to embarrass unbeaten-at-home Bournemouth, and said: "The players that believe will be here next season and those that don't won't be.

"The self belief is wafer thin. We started brightly for 15 minutes and could have had a goal, but when we didn't take our chances we lost our confidence and they got two goals."

He was disappointed with the lacklustre performances of strikers Baird and Stallard who missed good first half chances before they were both substituted.

He said: "They were both disappointing. I know they've got other things on their mind at the moment but their energy has got to

be directed at doing the best for the club."

He was horrified at the non-existent marking for Steve Robinson's first goal, a hooked volley from Jamie Vincent's corner, and incensed that Robinson stole his second from another Vincent set piece ten minutes later.

"There was a spare man for the first one and I don't know what happened on the second. You've got to give your life to keep those out," he moaned.

And the boss, who is becoming famous for his 15 minute half time team talks, is fed up of having to mollycoddle his players into believing they are good enough every 45 minutes.

He said: "The players are relying on me to gee them up. Those that can gee themselves up are the ones that are going to be good players and have good careers and those that need to be geed up every 45 minutes by the manager won't last too long here."

That half time talk included introducing substitute Dave Carroll up front in place of defender Nicky Mohan, and Carroll looked most likely to spark a comeback.

Sanchez said: "We edged it in the second half, but it's easy to play when you're 2-0 down. We had a go for 60 minutes of the game and that's not enough. You've got to play for 90 minutes."

But while Sanchez was unhappy with his team's first half collapse he kept it in perspective.

He said: "That's one bad half we've had in eight and I would've settled for that before I came in."



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