

Now we need lucky break

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On Tuesday night, the players threw themselves a lifeline with a tremendous performance at Bristol. I was unable to make it to Bristol, this after seeing virtually all the away games all season.

The cynical or superstitious amongst you will say that I should stay away more often, but I am not that superstitious.

The signing of Sean Devine has proved to be a masterstroke. I remember seeing him for Barnet against us in the FA Cup two years ago when he tore us apart. We got out of that game with a 3-3 draw. Fortunately he was suspended for the replay, which we won 3-2.

Finally, please get yourself down to Adams Park tomorrow for the 1pm kick off. Your football club needs you. When you are there, please get behind the team.

We have never needed points more desperately than we do now.

Remember our exciting times under Martin O'Neill? Under Lawrie Sanchez we are at the start of another exciting chapter in the club's history.

LAWRIE Sanchez has now completed his first seven weeks in the manager's chair and the improvements are there for all to see.

The players are fitter and I would expect this to be even more noticeable after the pre-season in August.

There is an altogether different approach which is more attack orientated. He is not scared to play three, or even four on occasions, front players and you get the impression that the players actually expect to win.

Previously we have had three solid years of going away for 0-0 draws, which can be very depressing, especially when most of them finish 1-0 or 2-0.

The more direct style, creating many more chances, is more attractive to watch. He is trying to bury, forever, the Gregory style of taking 25 passes to achieve what could have been achieved in two.

The form of certain individuals, in particular Dave Carroll, Andy Baird, Chris Vinnicombe and Paul Emblen has shown a marked improvement.

One thing he has not improved, so far, is the luck. We have seen Reading score with a handball goal, Colchester nick a 98th minute penalty and both Northampton and Preston score late winners after being outplayed throughout the second half.

HOW THEY STAND

Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Ps
Fulham	37	14	2	1	37	10	10	4	4	26	16	84
Preston	36	10	4	4	39	19	10	5	3	25	16	69
Walsall	36	10	6	3	29	20	10	2	5	22	20	68
Bourn'th	36	12	5	1	34	8	6	5	7	22	24	64
Gillingham	36	12	5	2	37	14	4	9	4	22	20	62
Man City	37	9	6	3	26	12	7	8	4	23	15	62
Reading	37	9	6	4	26	21	6	6	6	19	25	57
Wigan	33	9	3	3	27	9	7	4	7	25	23	55
Stoke	35	8	3	7	24	22	9	0	8	19	20	54
Chest'field	35	13	2	3	31	13	2	7	8	9	19	54
Millwall	37	6	7	5	25	21	8	3	8	17	24	52
Wrexham	35	6	6	6	17	21	5	5	7	20	27	44
Blackpool	36	5	8	5	19	17	5	5	8	14	24	43
Luton	36	7	4	7	20	22	4	5	9	22	29	42
Bristol R	35	7	6	6	28	24	2	7	7	19	19	40
Notts Co	34	6	3	7	23	22	5	4	10	19	30	40
Colchester	36	5	7	6	18	25	4	8	6	21	28	39
Oldham	36	5	2	10	18	24	5	5	9	18	27	36
York City	36	4	7	7	22	27	2	5	11	21	37	36
Lincoln	35	8	3	6	23	20	2	3	13	10	37	36
Burnley	36	5	6	8	15	29	3	5	9	22	36	35
North'pton	36	2	8	7	13	19	5	4	10	15	22	33
Macc'field	35	5	4	8	13	17	3	5	10	12	24	33
Wycombe	36	6	4	9	24	21	1	6	10	11	27	31

Sanchez must ring the changes for tomorrow's early start

LAWRIE Sanchez will have to make changes from the side which beat Bristol Rovers for tomorrow lunchtime's six-pointer at home to Oldham (ko 1pm).

Skipper Jason Cousins looks certain to miss out after spraining his ankle at Rovers. He will be replaced by new signing Jamie Bates in a straight swap at the back.

Steve Brown is banned following his sending

off against Northampton and Sanchez looks likely to answer Keith Ryan prayers by putting Rhino back in midfield with Bates and Paul McCarthy as centre backs.

Andy Baird is expected to recover from the dead leg which forced him out of the game at the halfway stage on Wednesday and with Keith Scott having left for Reading he should resume the exciting partnership he began with the

on-fire Sean Devine.

Sanchez said: "Winning at Bristol kept our season alive and we've got to build on that by beating Oldham."

The match kicks off early to avoid clashing with England's game against Poland and all the normal football special buses will run two hours earlier than usual in order to get fans to Adams Park for the early kick off.