

Crowd flock back to see great escape

WYCOMBE Wanderers have finished 16th in the second division's attendance league tables.

The Blues clocked an average crowd of 5,121 last season as the fans flocked to Adams Park to see Lawrie Sanchez's boys complete the great escape.

Unsurprisingly, big guns Manchester City came top of the table with an average gate of 28,261.

Relegated Macclesfield finished

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rock bottom with crowds of just 3,311.

And the Blues got one over their old rivals Colchester United who, despite finishing one place above Wanderers in the league proper, were four places below the Blues in the attendance tables.

The Essex club averaged crowds

of 4,480.

Meanwhile Fulham, who finished the season as the division's champions, came fourth in the attendance tables with gates of 11,387.

Meanwhile, Wanderers bosses are hoping to increase their crowds next season and the signs are already looking good.

The club has already seen fans snapping up season tickets after they went on sale last Tuesday.

Anthrobus not making the trip south for the Blues

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By Sharon Walter

WANDERERS boss Lawrie Sanchez has given up the chase for Steve Anthrobus because the former Crewe Alexandra striker wants too much money.

Sanchez told Midweek: "We've decided not to pursue that any further. He was looking for more money than I was willing to pay him and a longer contract than I wanted to give him to compensate for moving his family down here."

Anthrobus is now believed to be talking to two clubs nearer home - York and Shrewsbury.

Sanchez, meanwhile, is happy to continue trawling through the transfer market for just one striker this summer, but he insists he is not desperate.

He added: "There's no particular panic, I'm not going to pay someone more than I think they're worth. It's a case of getting the right player at the right price."

"I'm happy with the players I've got and it's just a case of adding something to that."

Anthrobus, 30, had several rounds of talks with the Blues boss before Sanchez decided against a deal.

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Blues fans happy with Dons offer

NEWS that Wimbledon have signed Norwegian coach Egil Olsen as their next boss has been greeted with relief by Wycombe fans.

Wanderers supporters were worried manager Lawrie Sanchez would be lured back to the club, where he coached before joining Wycombe, after performing the near-impossible last season and saving the Blues from relegation.

But The Dons, after the departure of Joe Kinnear, have decided to look elsewhere for their boss and Wycombe fans are delighted.

Keith Blagbrough, of Wanderers Official Supporters Club, said: "It's certainly a relief, we have got a very good manager and don't want to lose him."

"There was an obvious amount of concern after what had happened with John Gregory [returning to Aston Villa] and because Wimbledon fans, in particular, liked Sanchez."

Sanchez had previously stated that he would not return to Wimbledon as long as boss Joe Kinnear was there in "some capacity". But when Kinnear quit to try his luck elsewhere, it set alarm bells ringing at Adams Park.

But Sanchez, who admitted he is ambitious to manage at the top, has already insisted he is sticking with the Blues.

"All I'm thinking about is Wycombe. We've got a good squad which should challenge for the play-offs next year."

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