

Division 2 SANCHEZ KNOWS THE DRILL

LAWRIE SANCHEZ is just mad about Wycombe but, he tells ANDREW DILLON, this is no Crazy Gang revisited



LAWRIE SANCHEZ took Wycombe to an RAF base to drill some much-needed discipline into his troops. And he hopes it will help them avoid the muck and bullets of yet another relegation dogfight in Division Two.

The Wycombe squad spent the first two weeks of pre-season being knocked into shape by the tough physical trainers at their base in nearby Halton.

It is Sanchez's first full season as an English League boss and he will have to do it on a shoestring.

He said: "I haven't got any money to spend but I hope to use a few contacts to get a couple of free transfers."

"The club is building a new stand which will soak up all the available cash."

"I know we won't be able to turn it around and go for promotion. But this has to be a season of stabilisation and consolidation."

Wycombe have battled against relegation for the past three years and the rot must stop here."

Wobbly Wycombe had not won an away match all season when Sanchez took over in February.

But, along with former Wimbledon team-mate Terry Gibson, he managed to spur his side enough after his arrival to avoid the drop by just SEVEN MINUTES.

A late goal by Paul Emblen clinched a 1-0 victory at Lincoln in the final game of last season. Gibson pulled a few strings to bring in striker Sean Devine from Barnet for £200,000 and he grabbed eight vital goals in 12 games to keep the club afloat.

Sanchez added: "Terry and me played together at Wimbledon for six years. But we have not transplanted the Crazy Gang here."

"We blast bugle music every time we have a corner but this is not Wimbledon revisited."

"Terry and me are a good contrast of characters. He is bright and bubbly and all the players' mate. That means I can get on with the job of being manager without worrying about politics."

SALUTE... Sanchez (right) with assistants Gibson (left), Terry Evans and mascot



● TRICKY DECISION: Lawrie Sanchez and Keith Blagborough check the entries

Chant choice is yours

THE FANS are to get the final say in The Leader contest to find a new chant for the Blues.

The standard of songs put forward were so high that none of the judges could decide which to choose.

So fans will get the opportunity to vote for their favourite.

The entries have been shortlisted to three and will be played at half time Adams Park on Saturday and can be heard on an internet page.

See pages 10 and 11 for full details. Also see the back page for the truth about midfielder Steve Brown's future.