

Sanchez is looking for landmark victory

BLUES entertain Bristol Rovers tomorrow with boss Lawrie Sanchez chasing a personal milestone.

When he took over last February they had just 23 points from 28 games. Victory tomorrow would see them pass that in just 16 games.

His hopes have been boosted by suspensions to two of Rovers' stars. Nine-goal Jason Roberts, who slipped through the net as a Wycombe youngster, is suspended with Robbie Pethick.

But nine-goal Jamie Cureton plays and should partner Nathan Ellington, who Rovers bought from Walton in preference to Jermaine McSparran when he was still at Oxford City.

Sanchez saw Rovers lose to Preston on Sunday and said:

"They rely on Roberts and Cureton for their goals and one of them isn't playing so that's good. They're one of the better teams but they don't scare me."

For Blues, Dave Carroll is expected to miss out again with his groin strain and Matt Lawrence is serving the final game of his three match ban.

Andy Baird looks likely to keep his place up front but Sanchez confirmed there could be changes with Keith Ryan nursing a dead leg on Thursday.

Backside hero Dannie Bulman could be involved after making the bench against Oldham. Last season he came off the bench against Rovers to score off his bum on his debut to earn Neil Smillie's Blues their first point of the season in their fifth game.

Kids set for seaside special

WANDERERS youth team entertain Southend United in the second round of the Times FA Youth Cup on Wednesday, (ko 7pm).

The Blues youngsters qualified with a 3-0 win at Tonbridge Angels last week in a match in which they finished with six schoolboys playing.

Wanderers youth team has been a

production line of talent recently with Alan Beeton, Mo Harkin, Mark Osborn and Andy Baird all graduating to the first team and this game offers fans the opportunity to see who could be next in line to make the step up.

● For free tickets to the youth team match, see Tuesday's Midweek.

LETTER

We should get behind the Blues

CALL me old fashioned but I understood being a supporter of a football team meant getting behind the team both during the good times and also when performances are not so good and we might be

losing, sometimes to a lesser side. That's when surely the team need their supporters the most.

I am totally astonished at the reaction of a proportion of the Wycombe Wanderers fans (so called) at the recent Blackpool and Oxford City games at Adams Park when they decided to boo the team off the field.

How short their memories must

be. Twelve months ago we were struggling at the bottom of the division and looking certain for relegation. The Blackpool fixture on October 23 was the first poor performance of the current season and instead of getting behind the team, as you would expect, these so-called fans let their own team down badly.

If every time we have a bad result or a bad 45 minutes the fans are

going to react in the same way then they may as well be stood in the away end with the opposition.

Martin Taylor's reaction on Saturday against Oxford City when he heard the booing should make it clear to everybody exactly how the players feel.

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