

Six players missing for Sanchez's first anniversary

WANDERERS will be without six first-teamers at Wrexham tomorrow as Lawrie Sanchez celebrates his first anniversary in charge of the Blues.

Ironically he comes up against Wrexham boss Brian Flynn, who Wycombe approached before turning to Sanchez. He only got the job after Wrexham refused Blues permission to speak to Flynn, and John Ward and Micky Adams turned it down.

Sanchez said: "That's irrelevant now." Jamie Bates, Jermaine McSparran, Paul Emblen, Jason Cousins, Steve Brown and Michael Simpson will all miss Sanchez's anniversary, with the latter three suspended.

Blues go to Wales hoping to avenge the 1-0 home defeat they suffered in August, when they dominated the game, and celebrate Sanchez's first year in style.

He said: "I started with a draw and anything

at Wrexham would be good, it's a hard place to go to without six players."

Paul McCarthy and Mark Rogers will resume their fledgling central defensive partnership as Sanchez practices his motto of 'specialist players for specialist positions,' despite Alan Beeton having a storming game there at Preston. It could be opportunity knocks for the likes of Matt Brady, Dannie Bulman and Mo Harkin to impress in the other berths.

LETTERS

Dismayed at sell out plans

AS a long time supporter of the Wanderers I was amazed and dismayed at the news that the directors have 'unanimously agreed to change the constitution of the club'.

As I understand the constitution, the directors cannot change it, only the members can do that. Remember members, they cannot do it without your consent.

What truly amazes me, is not only has it been put forward and recommended by the board but that it has also been so well received by the supporters. Is nobody out there thinking?

What has yet not been explained by anyone, is what is it going to do for the club and the team.

All I hear is the existing constitution is ancient and our problems will only be solved by a big money owner.

Do they mean our financial problems will be solved as in the case of Crystal Palace, Oxford United, Bury, Doncaster Rovers, Portsmouth, Brighton etc, or our playing problems solved as in Reading, Bristol City, Leyton Orient, Wolves, Nottingham Forest.

There is no historical evidence of small clubs prospering under a big money take-over, only the opposite.

Wigan, Reading and Stoke were put up as examples to follow. These should not be our role models. They

are all from much larger catchment areas, owned by billionaires rather than millionaires and incidentally, are all losing money.

We should be looking to clubs like Crewe, Stockport and Charlton with their blend of realistic finances, excellent youth development, and good team management. That's exactly where we seemed to be heading before this capitulation was proposed.

I urge all fans and especially members to think long and hard about the issues, write to the club and the BFP about them, don't be railroaded.

What is at stake is not whether or not we get into the first division next season but the future of this club of ours that is so important to you and

the whole town as it has been for well over a hundred years.

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Youth support

I WOULD like to reply to the letter in BFP sport (January 28).

There has been so much talk of why the fans are not coming to Adams Park, I believe the fans are coming, well the true ones anyway.

I attend all the home matches. We come to support a team which represents Bucks in the Nationwide second division, which has progressed through the various leagues and managers to a respectable 11th at this time of the season.

For John Freeman to hold a grudge because in 1973 at the age of 14 he was unable to play at Loakes Park seems a bit sad. I can understand that he might have been upset for a while, but for 27 years!

As for the question of Wycombe Wanderers not supporting junior football, this is not true. What about Wycombe Racers, the half-time penalty shoot-outs, the community officers who go to local schools and quid-a-kid games?

If there are other people out there who think the same as John, why not come down to a few games, but you would need to see more than one to get a fair opinion of the team and set up.

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