

BIG HOPE OVER



Body blow: Oxford put the boot in at Adams Park on Saturday

No big man, so no play-offs

FOOTBALL
By Dave Peters

BLUES boss Lawrie Sanchez admitted Wanderers' play-off hopes are over after they crashed 1-0 at home to struggling Oxford United on Saturday.

Joey Beauchamp struck the only goal of the game to end Oxford's eight-hour goal drought and kill off Sanchez's slim promotion hopes.

He said: "It would be very difficult to make the play-offs now. If we'd gone through February with maximum points, which I thought we were quite capable of doing, we would've had an outside sniff but losing has put a nail in that coffin and now the aim is to make sure we avoid relegation."

Wycombe are now 12 points adrift of the play-off places with 16 games left and 12 points clear of relegation.

Sanchez said: "We need a big front-man, someone we can cross the ball to and who can head it into the goal. We can't do that at the moment and, until we get one, we'll be what we are, which is a mid-table team."

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HOW THEY STAND

Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
Preston	29	10	2	2	25	14	8	6	1	28	11	62
Bristol R	30	10	4	1	22	9	8	2	5	25	15	60
Wigan	29	10	3	2	25	9	5	9	0	24	15	57
Burnley	29	12	1	1	29	9	3	8	4	12	15	54
Milton	31	9	5	1	23	11	6	4	6	21	22	54
Stoke	31	7	6	3	21	15	7	3	5	21	16	51
Gillingham	28	9	2	3	29	15	5	5	4	21	19	49
Notts Co	30	7	3	5	23	17	7	4	4	20	14	49
Brentford	31	8	3	4	23	18	4	5	7	17	23	44
Luton	31	9	4	2	31	19	3	3	10	12	24	43
Bristol C	30	4	11	0	18	8	5	3	7	18	24	41
Wycombe	30	7	3	5	22	19	3	6	6	16	19	39

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