

Boss says he needs changes to strengthen the Wanderers



Take that: Blues are dealt a body blow in last Saturday's 1-0 defeat at the hands of struggling Oxford

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Four players or it's our funeral

FRUSTRATED Blues boss Lawrie Sanchez has called on the club to fast-track their boardroom changes so that he can sign the four players he says he needs to turn Wanderers into promotion candidates.

He spoke out after the squad's deficiencies were highlighted by an ordinary Oxford side who eased their relegation fears by coming to Adams Park and winning the M40 derby 1-0.

The defeat, Wycombe's fifth home setback of the season, prompted Sanchez to write off his team's play-off hopes and concede that unless the boardroom changes get pushed through and he gets

money to spend, Wycombe will never be promotion candidates.

He said: "We need a big frontman, 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."

He added: "Until we make the changes in the boardroom I cannot add to the squad. I have got a shortlist of players I want and if the situation changes and the money comes in, I will go and get them."

Top of Sanchez's shopping list is a big striker but, on Saturday's showing, their need for a creative midfielder looked equally pressing

as, not for the first time this season as home defeats against Blackpool and Wrexham have testified, Wycombe did not have the craft to breakdown lowly sides who stick everyone behind the ball.

Sanchez said: "We're in the middle of the table because we've lost to Oxford, we lost to Blackpool and we lost to Wrexham at home. If we had taken those nine points we'd be in the play-offs. The fact that we can't put those teams away has cost us."

"I'm hopeful that by the beginning of next year we will have someone up front to complement Sean Devine."

"Our problem is that having dominated a team we can't put

them away and the reason we can't do that is because we've only got one frontman who can score. If he doesn't, we're scratching around for someone else to do it."

If Sanchez is given the cash to splash on his wanted quartet this summer he will try to buy young.

He said: "We've got an ageing team. There's a few players in their 30s here. Five of our first team are in their 30s. We need to supplement them with some young legs and those over 30s are probably our better players."

Oxford achieved their first league win since Boxing Day when Joey Beauchamp ended their eight-hour scoring drought during the first half.