

Boss faces new touchline ban

TROUBLED boss Lawrie Sanchez could get help from Premiership ref Jeff Winter as he tries to avoid another touchline ban after being sent off for the second time in 13 months.

Sanchez was sent to the stands after mockingly clapping top-flight ref Steve Dunn during Saturday's dismal 2-0 defeat at Bournemouth and has been reported to the FA.

He sarcastically applauded Dunn for his enthusiastic intervention into his spat with fourth official Janie Frampton, who was trying to keep him inside his tiny technical area.

But Sanchez, who began the season with a six-match touchline ban and £500 fine after swearing at another ref last season, could ironically be helped out of his latest scrape by another member of the referees union he has a habit of upsetting.

The BFP can reveal that earlier this season Winter reported Bournemouth for the 'incorrect size' of their technical areas after an FA Cup replay against Notts County and Bournemouth. Insiders say nothing has changed since his complaint.

Sanchez said: "There wasn't room in the dugouts for all my players and staff and the technical area was too small and a pool of mud. Where did they expect me to stand?"

The FA are considering Dunn's report and are expected to charge Sanchez.

But as he waits for his day in the dock Sanchez daydreamed about his ideal cellmate.

He drooled over the performance of Bournemouth striker Steve Fletcher whose namesake, Norman Stanley Fletcher, was the lovable inmate in the television prison soap *Porridge*.

The 6ft 2in targetman bullied Wycombe out of their stride and steered Bournemouth to their second home win this year.

He set up Bournemouth's first and twice hit the bar as he terrorised the out-of-sorts Blues and Sanchez would love to have him in his side as he plots Wycombe's breakout from Division Two next season.

Sanchez said: "I'd give my right arm to have someone like him. We've got away with small forwards for too long. Sean Devine has done very well for us but I need a big forward with him who can create problems, someone like Fletcher. He is quality. He makes their side."

But Sanchez, with his limited resources, may have to look elsewhere.

Fletcher signed a new four-year contract at Bournemouth last season which includes a testimonial.

Sanchez has been hunting a targetman to play alongside top scorer Devine who missed Saturday's game with a groin injury when his replacements Jermaine McSparran and Andy Baird failed to spark in a woeful Blues display.

... but top ref could help save him



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We can be safe by five

WANDERERS entertain Auto Windscreen Shield finalists Bristol City tomorrow looking for the win that would see them pass manager Lawrie Sanchez's 51-point safety target.

Jason Cousins is missing from the squad after being stretchered off in Tuesday's win over Gillingham but

will be tough.

He said: "Bristol are a decent side and they really should be in the play-off situation with the players and finances they've got. It will be a tough game but if we play like we did on Tuesday we won't be far away and hopefully by 5pm on Saturday we can say we're safe for