



Critic: John Fashanu laid into his former Wimbledon team-mate and current Wycombe boss Lawrie Sanchez on national radio last week, insisting he wasn't management material



He's the boss: Lawrie Sanchez, with former Wimbledon team-mate Terry Gibson, has saved the Blues from relegation and saved them money since joining

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Fash bashes Blues boss

... but angry Wycombe fans jump to Sanchez's defence

WANDERERS fans have leapt to the defence of boss Lawrie Sanchez after his former team-mate John Fashanu launched an astonishing attack on his management credentials and said he will never make it to the top.

Former Wimbledon star Fash astonishingly rounded on his former team-mate on Talk Sport Radio after a Wanderers fan rang in eulogising about the Wycombe boss, comparing Sanchez to Martin O'Neill and tipping him for the top flight.

But Fash was having none of it and used the opportunity to score points in a long-running feud.

Fash said: "There was always a question mark at Wimbledon. He

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was at Wimbledon for a short period of time and he didn't get on with the lads. He didn't seem to blend, he didn't fit in, he wasn't a player's manager.

"I'm happy that he's doing so well there [at Wycombe] but as for him going any higher, he's not management material in my view."

But the former Gladiators presenter's opinion is way out of line with other former Dons colleague Vinnie Jones and an army of Wycombe fans.

Jones, now working as a film star, told the BFP when Sanchez was appointed Blues boss: "He was always the sensible one at

Wimbledon. He's very level headed and is right for management. The managers always asked him for his opinion. If the lads do what he wants he'll be a success."

Blues fans have also leapt to the defence of a manager who led basement Blues to second division safety last season when relegation looked a certainty as they were five points adrift of the second bottom club last March.

Official supporters club spokesman Keith Blagbrough said: "Fashanu is talking rubbish. He should stick to talking about Gladiators and things he knows something about."

"I won't be listening to him on the radio, I've got better things to do with my time."

"Lawrie Sanchez rescued us

when things were hopeless and he's got us to mid-table safety this year without any new players."

Fanzine editor Dale Hurman said: "It's nonsense. Sanchez proved he's got something about him when he kept us up last year."

"I'd rather listen to Alan Hutchinson commentating on eleven-Seventy than listen to the Talk Sport."

Meanwhile Sanchez, who kept Wycombe up against a backcloth of cuts last season and has led them to mid-table respectability this season without any money, wasn't wasting his time with Fashanu's comments.

He said: "We've got a history between us and I've got no respect for what he's got to say."

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