

Why Blues have the ideal odd couple



Heading for the history books: Lawrie Sanchez steers in Wimbledon's winner in the 1988 FA Cup Final against Liverpool and then starts the celebrations as Alan Hansen and Co look on dumb-founded

BOBBY Gould believes Wanderers' Little and Large leaders have got what it takes to make it big in management and ruffle a few more feathers tomorrow.

Gould was the manager of Wimbledon when they won the FA Cup in 1988 with Lawrie Sanchez scoring the goal and his Adams Park sidekick Terry Gibson playing up front.

Now Cardiff City's director of football is looking on proudly as his students embark on another famous cup run, this time as the manager and assistant manager of Wycombe.

But Gould says you could have knocked him down with a feather when he heard that his two former

Ex-Wimbledon boss Bobby Gould tells the BFP's Dave Peters why he believes his former charges Sanchez and Gibson are heading for more success

stars were joining forces in the management game at Adams Park two years ago.

He said: "I don't know what odds you would have got on those two getting together as a management pair, there was just no way it would happen. I never saw it coming and I don't think anyone else did."

"They were never on the team bus together discussing tactics or anything like that, they didn't even room together."

"I'm not in the least bit surprised to see Lawrie in

management, he always had that air about him, but the last I heard of Gibbo he was making bikes somewhere."

But now they have got together Gould believes Wanderers' odd couple are a match made in heaven.

He said: "They have got the perfect management gel. They've got the disciplinarian in Lawrie and Terry is the perfect foil. You can see that they work well together and they are doing a fantastic job at Wycombe."

Gould has total respect for both

of his former apprentices and even ate a plate of sheep's testicles to sign Gibson for a second time.

He said: "I signed Gibbo from Tottenham when I was manager of Coventry and then I signed him again when I was managing Wimbledon."

"I asked Sam Hammam [the club's Lebanese owner] for £200,000 to sign him from

Manchester United and he said if I wanted the money I would have to eat a plate of sheep's testicles to get it."

"They're a Lebanese delicacy and I put as much vinegar on them as possible and got to sign him. I don't even remember what they tasted like because I drowned them, luckily I like vinegar."

Gould has high admiration of

Sanchez, although so far he has not had to prove it in a restaurant.

He said: "I have got the greatest respect for what Lawrie has already achieved in management and the way he combines that role with looking after his son on his own since his wife died."

"I wish them both well. It's great to see how well they're doing," he added.

... and bookies believe upset could be on cards

THE bookies are hedging their bets for Wycombe's FA Cup fifth round clash with Wimbledon, only narrowly giving the first division visitors the edge.

A 1-0 Wycombe win is priced

at 7-1, while the bookmakers are offering 6-1 for the same score going Wimbledon's way.

But when it comes to the first to score, the turf accountants are favouring Wimbledon with

Jason Euell being 9-2 favourite.

Wycombe striker Andy Ram-mell is given a price of 6-1 to find the target first, but he's got to pass a fitness test first.

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