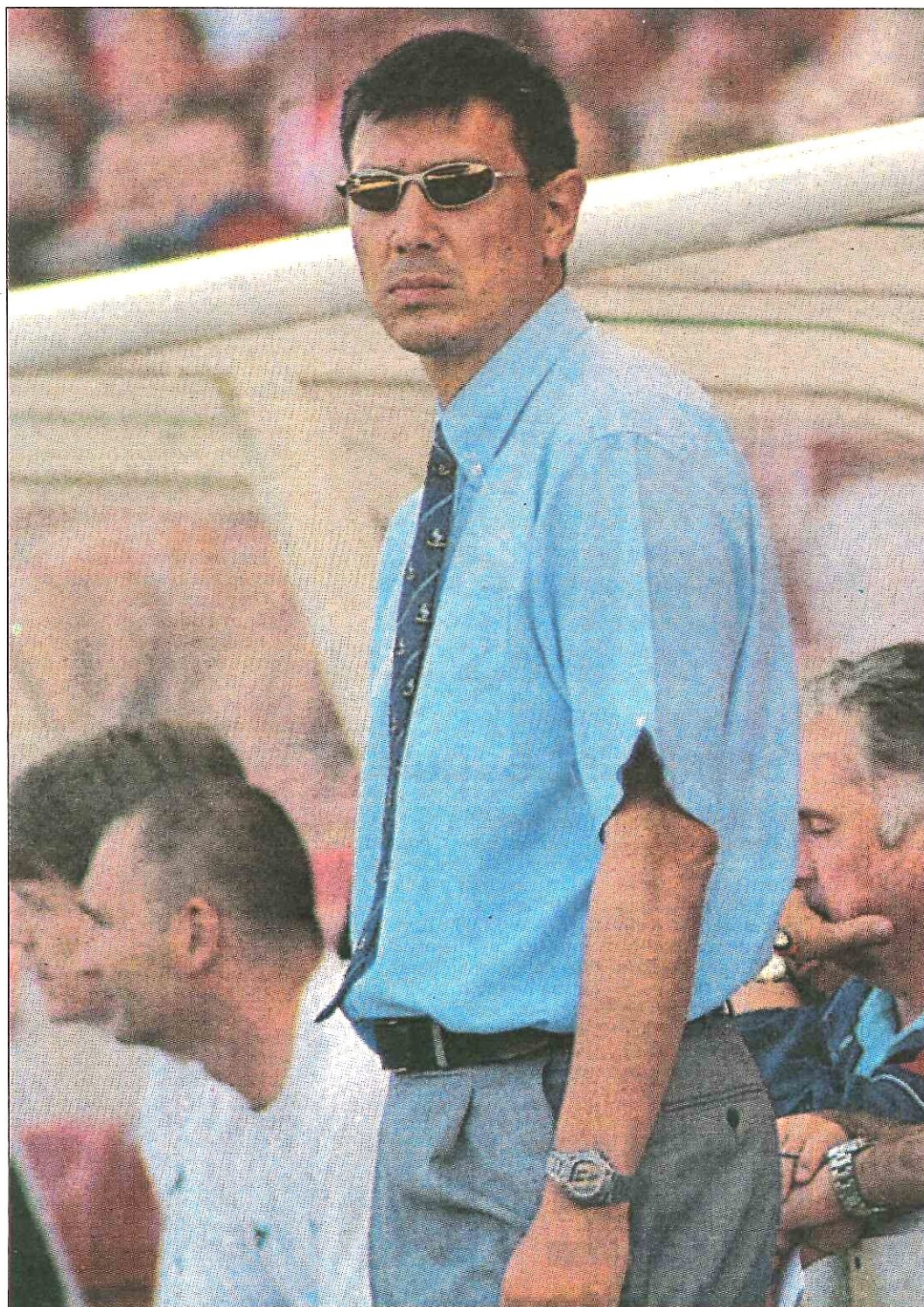




Dazzle me: Blues boss Lawrie Sanchez is demanding brighter home performances

LIGHT UP MY LIFE!

Sanchez hopes new floodlights will make his Wanderers side dazzle

BLUES boss Lawrie Sanchez is hoping that the club's new super-strength floodlights will help Wanderers improve their dismal home form.

He hopes that Adams Park's powerful new lights will inspire his team to brighter performances on the pitch.

He reckons that some of last season's home performances matched the gloom of the club's floodlights as Wanderers lost eight Second Division matches on their own patch.

He said: "I was struggling to see the players at times in the gloom and our night matches seemed a bit

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non-leagueish under those lights.

"Now, hopefully it will be whoosh and the whole occasion will seem a lot more special. Night matches under bright floodlights have their own special atmosphere and hopefully that will rub off on us."

Wanderers have upgraded the lux rating of their lights from 360 to 510 during the close season and Sanchez is now looking for some dazzling performances to match.

Sanchez knows Wycombe must improve their home form if they are to have any chance of winning promotion next season.

He said: "I'm very happy with our away form but we need to turn Adams Park into a bit of a fortress. That is where we have been going wrong."

He has been battling to understand why his FA Cup semi-finalists lost so many games at home last season and believes the poor lights coupled with the players' over familiarity with their surroundings could be part of the problem.

He said: "I don't know if it is because the players come into the ground every day to get changed for training that it hasn't got that 'phew this is special' feeling when they come here on matchdays, but it is something we've got to sort out."

For the time being at least, Wanderers will have to continue visiting the stadium every day because the club's new training ground near Booker airfield does not have proper changing facilities yet.

But he suggested that if the home form does not buck up changing rooms at Booker could be the next stage of his master plan.