

Sanchez admits he got tactics wrong



Full stretch: Wycombe were put to the test by non-league Hayes last Friday

BLUES boss Lawrie Sanchez was relieved to squeeze past non-league Hayes 4-3 last Friday, with two goals apiece from Andy Rammell and Darren Currie, admitting he got his tactics wrong.

He says he should have played Hayes-born Jason Cousins and Dave Carroll from the start instead of bringing them on as subs as Blues nervously battled back from 2-1 down to scramble an FA Cup second round clash at home to either Notts County or Cambridge United.

He said: "In hindsight this was perhaps a ground where you need to get people who have played at this level and who know what it is about rather than people who are

used to nice flat pitches and League football.

"Dave Carroll and Couz have both played in the Conference and they know what these type of teams are all about and perhaps if we had more of those type of players on at the start we wouldn't have been in such a pickle.

"This was the classic banana skin, last year's semi-finalists against non-league opposition. A lose-lose situation. If we won people expected it and if we lost we'd have been slaughtered."

Wanderers eventually came through 4-3 winners but only after Paul McCarthy had cleared off his own line in the first minute and they had regained their composure

after conceding two goals in five minutes to trail 2-1.

He added: "We're one of the best sides in the second division and Hayes are struggling in The Conference but you couldn't tell the difference between the two."

Carroll, who came on when the team were struggling at 2-2, was itching to get onto the pitch and agreed with his manager's assessment.

He said: "I felt me and Couzo steadied the ship a bit when we came on. We've been here and we know what this level is all about.

"It's a massive relief for us to go through. It's probably the worst we've played all year and Hayes definitely deserved a replay."