

Tough draw, but we may just do it – boss

BLUES boss Lawrie Sanchez believes his side could overcome the challenge of Premiership Fulham in the third round of the FA Cup in January.

Wanderers were pulled out of the hat in Sunday's draw with the London club after seeing off league rivals Notts County 3-0 the previous day.

Just two seasons ago, Wycombe were playing Fulham in the league and the Londoners were the first side Sanchez faced as Blues boss, back in February 1999.

Now, the good times have returned once again to Craven Cottage and Fulham are currently riding high in the Premiership.

But Sanchez, who knows all about FA Cup giant-killing after scoring the winning goal for Wimbledon to sink Liverpool in the 1988 Cup Final, believes the Blues could cause an upset.

He said: "It's a good tie. We expect to sell out for the game. We're at home, we've got a good home record to protect and it will be a good test for us.

"It is there for us to get through to the fourth round and draw a tv game. We'll give

them a good game, but it will be very, very tough."

He added: "It's a very difficult tie. Fulham are probably the purest football side in the Premiership. They like to pass the ball and they pass it very, very well."

The game is expected to be played on Saturday, January 5 unless television bosses decide to make it one of their featured games.

Wycombe banked £30,000 for their second round success over County.

The Fulham game, which has been made all-ticket, could be another money-spinner for Wycombe with £50,000 prize money up for grabs and the potential of more than £250,000 if the game is picked for live TV coverage.

Wanderers moved into the third round of the competition thanks to a brilliant second-half performance from Welsh wing wizard Stuart Roberts and another wonder goal from Darren Currie at Adams Park last Saturday.

The pair, who were bought from the proceeds of last season's cup run, kept The Chairboys on course for another cup adventure with an electric display.

Roberts set up Wanderers' first and second goals, for Dannie Bulman and Richard Walker, before Currie topped it off with an exquisite third after Wycombe had been distinctly second best in the first period.

Afterward Currie credited his new bright red hair with helping. He said: "It's the hair-do, I said after the Hayes game I had dyed the hair a ruby colour in honour of the fans and will keep it as long as we are in the cup.

"That's three for me now in the competition so far, bring on Fulham in round three."

Wanderers, who had made one enforced change from the side which overwhelmed Brentford the previous week, looked a pale shadow of that team. But it was a different Wycombe that emerged for the second half and Blues took the lead on 52 minutes.

Dannie Bulman ghosted in front of his marker and stooped to head Roberts' cross beyond Mildenhall.

Roberts undid County again eight minutes later. This time his cross was met by Walker.

Currie wrapped it up in the 80th minute, deftly lifting his shot over the stranded keeper from 20 yards.