

# STOKE FURY AT SANCHEZ JIBE

STOKE City plan to report Lawrie Sanchez to the FA after he accused Bjarni Gudjonsson of cheating during Wanderers' 5-1 defeat on Saturday.

The new Division Two leaders took exception to Sanchez marching across the field at the final whistle to congratulate Gudjonsson for his part in getting Paul Emblen sent off.

Sanchez blamed him for provoking Emblen's dismissal and making a meal of it when the Wanderer retaliated, as ten-man

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Blues collapsed to their heaviest defeat of the season.

He said: "I just congratulated Gudjonsson for winning the game for them. He coned the referee and won them the game."

The flashpoint occurred during a break in play in the first half when Wanderers were 2-1 down and pressing for an equaliser.

Emblen shoved Gudjonsson in the chin after the Stoke player had provoked him by threatening to

drop kick the ball straight at him.

The Wycombe striker received a straight red card while no action was taken against the protagonist.

Sanchez said: "He [Gudjonsson] stumbled as though he had been hit by Tyson.

"It's something we're trying to kick out of football but unfortunately foreign players have a habit of doing stuff like that.

"He got us down to ten men and it's disappointing when players try and get others sent off."

But the row threatens to have

even longer-lasting repercussions than Emblen's three-match ban.

Stoke boss Gudjon Thordarson plans to grass Sanchez up to the FA as the history of bad blood between the rival bosses took a sharp new twist.

The City chief was furious when Sanchez marched across the pitch to mockingly shake hands with Gudjonsson afterwards.

He launched a scathing attack on the Wycombe boss' attitude, saying: "If it is right for a manager to have a go at a player like that

after a game there is something wrong.

"I think when a manager does that it should be dealt with by the FA because it is completely out of order.

"We have that on the video and I will be sending it to the FA."

It is the latest chapter in Thordarson's astonishing tirade against Wycombe Wanderers which began last season when The Chairboys battled for an opening-day point at the Britannia Stadium.

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