

Crunch time for Sanchez's warriors

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VIEW FROM THE STAND

THE Wanderers league season is fast approaching make or break time.

A couple of good results and we're back with the challenging pack, a couple of poor results and we're down with the also rans. Meanwhile, we are sitting alone at the division two crossroads.

We're four points adrift of Cardiff and Tranmere, the two teams directly above us, and just ahead of Swindon, Port Vale and Colchester. However, we have games in hand on these three as well as a far superior goal difference.

Results didn't go our way on Tuesday evening with Brighton, Bristol City, Cardiff and Huddersfield all winning. Thankfully, QPR and Tranmere were beaten by Bristol and Brighton respectively.

With five teams already topping the 50 plus points mark, including Reading on 62, it looks like we will need a high 70s points total to secure a play-off place. That means we are going to have to average at least two points a game over our last 17 fixtures to achieve The Big Chief's aim of a top six finish.

Sooner rather than later, we have to string a run of wins together. Ideally, starting with Bristol City on Saturday. After that we have four games on the trot against teams in the lower half of the table. Unfortunately, three of these are away from home and our record of just two wins on the road is one of the worst cases of travel sickness in the division. Now would be a great time to cure this problem.

If we were able to pick up 11 or 12 points from these five matches it would certainly put us back in the frame.

After these games, we begin an awesome three weeks of fixtures against most of the top clubs including Reading, Brighton, Stoke, Huddersfield and Brentford. If we manage to average two points a game through this run, we deserve automatic promotion never mind a play-off place.

This week was the third anniversary of Lawrie Sanchez's appointment as Wanderers' boss. During that time he has had a tremendously positive effect on both the team and all aspects of the club. He has said this week that he is looking for 11 wins from our remaining games. Let's hope we can celebrate his club birthday by getting the first of these wins for him on Saturday.

Now that would be the right way to christen our long-awaited electronic scoreboard.