

Sanchez plans changes for his 200th game as Blues boss

WANDERERS' boss Lawrie Sanchez celebrates his 200th game in charge of the Blues at Brentford tomorrow determined to ride out the storm and get Blues back up the table.

Sanchez who has turned down a couple of bigger jobs in his time at Adams Park said: "People said I was just using this club as a platform for other things now those same people are saying let's get rid of him.

"It's like a wedding. When you start a marriage everything is hunky-dory. You have your ups and downs but the people who chuck out their wife after the first mishap usually go on and do it three or four times and are no happier.

"It's the same with football clubs. Teams that change their manager usually keep on changing their manager."

Sanchez insists that this week's problems and the booing of the crowd when the Blues were leading has just galvanised the team.

He said: "It has just drawn everyone closer together. We had a chat and they are fully committed to it and buoyant.

"They were disappointed by the crowd on Tuesday but in their words they said we are a team and if the supporters don't want to support us it's down to them. But we know

the away fans will be there rooting for us tomorrow because our away following is excellent."

Wanderers are mystified that the barrackers who are criticising the team for getting the ball forward early are the same people that used to vilify John Gregory's team for over-passing and the same fans that once crucified Michael Simpson for passing the ball sideways instead of getting it forward.

Sanchez said: "It's ironic. When I brought on Richard Harris when we were losing the other night all people wanted to see was his long throw and they wanted the defenders to pump the ball forward, yet when we were winning the game by getting it forward early, those same people were moaning."

Right back Danny Senda and striker Andy Rammell both come back into contention after their three game bans while keeper Martin Taylor is also available for selection after coming through 90 minutes of the reserves 2-0 home defeat to Southend in midweek.

And Sanchez says there will be changes for the clash at Griffin Park.

He said: "We didn't play that badly on Tuesday night but there will be changes. A few people's confidence took a



Back again: Andy Rammell is available to face the Bees

battering from what was going on off the pitch and it affected them."

Wanderers run into Brentford at just the right time.

The Bees fortunes have taken a nosedive since Sanchez's former Wimbledon team-mate Wally Downes won the manager of the month award and they haven't won any of their four previous league clashes and have dropped down to eighth.

Sanchez, who took over Downes' number 10 shirt at Wimbledon, said: "Wally has done a terrific job over there.

They have cut their wage bill to the bare bones and under those circumstances he's done extremely well.

"Because they're trying to limit the wages to a maximum £500 per week, he's had to play a lot of youngsters.

"What you get with that is an incredible willingness to work and they do exactly what the manager says but once they lose they lose that momentum and their confidence starts to slide."

● Swan FM will be providing their usual full match commentary at Griffin Park. The programme starts at 2pm.