

Rambo blasts the man in the middle

ANDY Rammell has joined boss Lawrie Sanchez in condemning Premiership referee Steve Dunn following last Saturday's 1-0 defeat at Brentford - Blues' fourth league reversal in a row.

Rams, who returned to lead the line after a three-match ban, blasted the whistler for turning down two Wycombe penalty appeals, and giving Brentford a controversial winning penalty.

He said: "We're feeling a bit aggrieved. I was flattened for one of them and the other was a handball. We battled away but we didn't get the luck with penalties."

But the gritty performance showed just how much the players are behind boss Sanchez.

Rambo said: "All the stuff that's been going on has brought everyone close together. We're all pulling the right way and that's the way it's got to be."

Sanchez took issue with the ref last week as Brentford won their fifth penalty in 10 games.

He said: "Every time we get a Premiership referee I hold my head in despair because I don't think they do a very good job. Brentford have had five penalties this year which is some statistic. Brentford are having their luck and we're having zilch."

But it would have been

academic if Stuart Roberts hadn't missed a sitter or if Rammell had been able to keep a late header down.

● Chairman Ivor Beeks will join Sanchez at the October 14 Fans Forum. The 8.30pm meeting in the Vere Suite at Adams Park will follow the AGM.

Supporters will also be able to quiz the club's new caterers Lindley Catering who will be providing the pies.

● Blues' match at Cardiff on October 12 is 95 per cent certain to be off because of international commitments.

Last time, Cardiff had Rhys Weston, Daniel Gabbidon and Robert Earnshaw on duty with Wales, keeper Neil Alexander away with Scotland and two other players on Wales U21 duty.

● Assistant boss Terry Gibson pulled his hamstring attempting a cheeky backheel in training.

He said: "It was so bad the night after I did it that I only got ten minutes sleep."

● The LDV first round match away at Torquay has now been confirmed for Tuesday, October 22 at 7.45pm.

● The Tales of a Chairboy fanzine returns tomorrow after a two-year absence with an interview with former Blues Jason Cousins and Dave Carroll.