

WANTED A STRIKER

Big chief is on the lookout for a new sharp-shooter

WANDERERS boss Lawrie Sanchez wants a new striker.

The gaffer finally lost patience with his goal-shy forwards after seeing them draw a blank for the second week running during Blues' 1-0 defeat at Blackpool on Saturday.

He will now make finding a new goal-getter his top priority before next season.

The Blues have scored just 15 goals on their travels all season and eight of those came in just two matches.

Sanchez decided enough was enough after seeing his side boss the second half at Bloomfield Road without any reward, just as they had done against league leaders Wigan a week earlier.

He said: "Having your leading goalscorer stuck on six goals isn't good enough. I need to get a cutting edge into our team."

"If we haven't got anybody in our team who can do it then I need to get someone in who can."

"For two weeks running now we have been up against top-sides and matched them except for scoring goals."

"We've got plenty of good things we just need someone to lead the frontline."

"We are looking to next season now and if we can add a cutting edge we can do well."

Sanchez is after a younger version of 36-year-old battering-ram striker Andy Rammell who returned to training yesterday after a lengthy

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lay-off with a calf injury.

Sanchez said: "To play football in this division you need a big target man and we miss that."

"You need someone like Rammell to beat up Colin Hendry. Blackpool had it far too easy at the back."

"I only wish I had Rams four or five years ago. He has done excellently for us but the facts are that he isn't going to play enough games in a season."

"We need a John Murphy [Blackpool's scorer]. We need to see what we can get in that mould and if we could latch that on, I'm reasonably happy with the rest of the team."

Fans will hope that Sanchez's words will terrify the frontmen into scoring form when Blues hit the road again tonight with a trip to second-placed Crewe.

The Railwaymen were beaten 1-0 at home by Peterborough on Saturday – their sixth reversal at Gresty Road this season and their second successive 1-0 home defeat.

Most of Crewe's best work has come on their travels, including a 2-1 success at Adams Park in November.

That match brought about the lowest point in Sanchez's four-year reign at Adams Park as he blamed his team's own fans for the defeat.

That night, in protest at the club's long-ball tactics, the fans shouted 'Hoof' every time Wanderers touched the ball and Sanchez claimed that undermined his side's confidence and helped turn a 1-0 lead into a defeat.

Teenager striker Jonny Dixon will hope to shake off a whack he received on his leg at Blackpool before Sanchez names his side.

Crewe expect to welcome back defender David Wright.



Looking for the cavalry: Lawrie Sanchez needs someone to fire the bullets

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