

IN OFF THE POST

Board failed to back Sanchez

ONCE again we've escaped being relegated after great hopes at the beginning of the season of making the play-offs.

A high proportion of fans blame manager Lawrie Sanchez, which is unfair because the board have failed to give him the support his record deserves. The reason of course money, perhaps they should explain the following.

Over the past two years, including our great run in the FA Cup and our ground sharing with Wasps, the profits from both these ventures would have brought in around £1.25 million.

Taking account buying our new training pitch and normal expenses, the only other reason for our debts is we are paying some of our players well over their value.

We got six-goal Craig Faulconbridge and defender Andy Thomson, who Swindon and Bristol Rovers discarded. And with up-and-coming defenders like Roger Johnson, Luke Oliver and Ian Simpemba much sharper, he's already redundant and another wage burden. We missed out on Chesham's Fitz Hall (now at Oldham) who was voted best central defender in the division and is now worth £1million.

That brings me back to the board. They are successful businessmen if their expensive cars are anything to go by. Perhaps they can give a boost to the once lauded Players' Trust Fund so we can afford Andy Bell who scored a hat-trick while on trial.

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Ban on fans

HAVING read the article in the BFP, "Blues call for last-day ban on Colchester" I had to write to explain how wrong the club is for asking for the Wycombe versus Colchester game to be a midweek match in the middle of the season.

Why does the club think that by having it mid-season on a Tuesday night it will stop the problem?

I have been a season ticket holder at Wycombe for four seasons and I know the hatred between Wanderers and Colchester. Doesn't the club realise Colchester's jobs will still charge down here in their hundreds to terrorise our stadium, pubs and Wycombe fans, come wind, rain or shine, end of the season, mid-season, Tuesday night or Saturday afternoon.

These "fans" should not be allowed to come to Wycombe to watch the match.

The club should ask the FA to impose a ban on all travelling Colchester fans going to Wycombe – much like the ban on Millwall fans travelling to away games. This has greatly reduced the problems Millwall bring with them.

Colchester's hooligans always leave a sour taste which, if the game is near the end of the season, lasts throughout the summer, but this disgusting, alcohol-stinking, overweight, abusive taste will go away if they are kept away.

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