

No more excuses please Mr Sanchez

I AM getting rather annoyed at the various excuses made by Wycombe Wanderers, and in particular Lawrie Sanchez, for the dismal season just completed.

Mr Sanchez seems to have no end of different excuses for the poor performances, many of them contradicting the previous ones. The sad truth is that as the older players have gradually been (quite rightly) moved on, he has replaced them with those

of a poorer quality.

The standard excuse of lack of money does not actually stand up to examination in today's footballing climate. The truth is that there have never been so many high quality players available for free, and the wage expectancy of players at this level has in fact reduced.

The manager had an ideal opportunity at the end of this season to unload many players who have proved that they cannot take this club on to the next level, but has in fact given out numerous new contracts to save himself the effort of seeking out fresh blood.

He continues to play the easy card of saying that he is looking towards the youth team, which he knows no-one will dare to criticise. However, having seen several reserves and youth team

games this season, I am afraid that there is not the quality there which we can rely on.

Jonny Dixon's brief show of speed may have been refreshing, but I have not seen a great deal more from any others apart from the impressive Roger Johnson.

I think the manager should be investing rather more time looking for new talent, and rather less time analysing the statistics to try to back up his arguments.

The sad facts are that the team is getting weaker, the football is getting worse, the manager cannot get the best out of the resources he has, and the prospects for next season are very gloomy.

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Time for a change at the top of the tree

IF, as he implies, Lawrie Sanchez shoulders the blame for the team's abject performances and the worst run of results for over 20 years, why is he still here?

Presumably to impose more mediocrity on the supporters next season.

The attitudes of many of the players to his strategies, team selection and formations, as well as an obvious inability to

motivate, lead to the inescapable conclusion that his leadership qualities are limited and as such the club will continue to flounder.

It cannot be coincidence that players perform well either before or after their contracts at Wycombe, but rarely fulfil their potential at the club.

It is surely time for the morose defeatism of the Sanchez era to end.

But until the Wanderers board is willing to grasp the managerial nettle and appoint someone with flair and enthusiasm, entertainment at Wycombe will remain at a premium and gates at Adams Park will continue to dwindle.

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