

Sanchez: I won't make same mistake again

Players will be made to sweat all year over new contracts

WANDERERS boss Lawrie Sanchez will re-introduce the fear factor at Adams Park in a bid to bring the best out of his troops next season.

He has slapped a ban on all contract talks for 12 months in a bid to keep his players hungry.

He admits he was wrong to sort out contracts before the season finished and says that was a major factor in Wanderers' spectacular nosedive down the second division table.

He believes sorting out players' futures early backfired on him by making players cosy or dis-interested and he won't make the same mistake again.

He said: "That was a mistake with hindsight. I did it for the players but next year I will do what every other club in the country has done and let all contracts run out.

"If you don't know what contracts are going to be given, you are going to give of your best in every game."

He believes some of his players stepped off the accelerator pedal as soon as they knew their position.

But he reassured fans that the end of season collapse – which saw Wanderers harvest just three points out of the final 24 – will not be

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replicated next season and he insists fans have reason to look forward.

He said: "We did our rationalisation long before everyone else. If you look on teletext every night now you will see teams cutting ten players out of their squads. They are doing now what we have already done. We did our pruning too early."

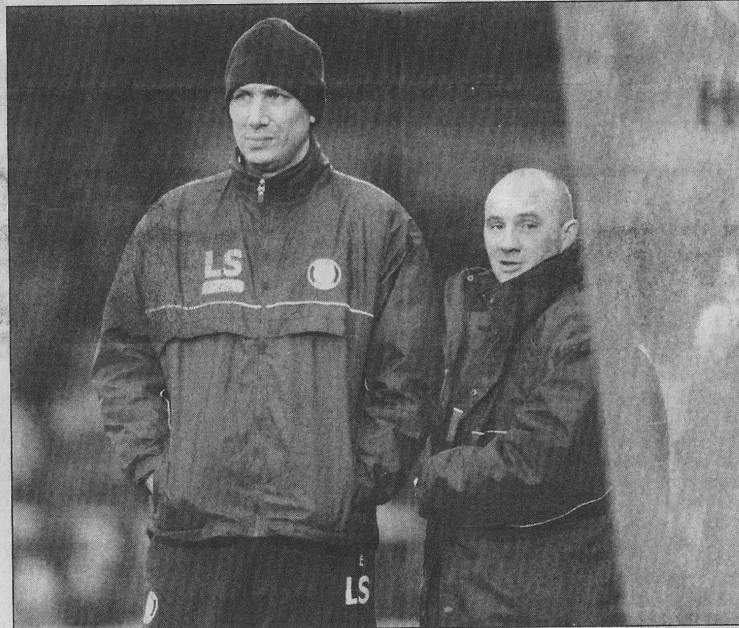
But he believes Wanderers young stearmlined squad will be able to cut the mustard in the second division next season because the majority of their rivals are also cutting back.

He admitted that last season was the toughest he has ever experienced either as a player or a manager and he is determined next season will be better.

He said: "There will be a levelling of the playing field next season and I'm quite bullish about it."

Wanderers are pinning their hopes on the League ratifying the league chairman's desire to see the play-offs extended by two more teams next season.

● Lawrie Sanchez got the play-off final he wanted when Cardiff City and QPR both won through to the final and he wants Cardiff to go up.



Change: Boss Lawrie Sanchez and assistant Terry Gibson will make team sweat