

Blues need to start winning for boss' sake



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VIEW FROM THE STAND

WELL, Lawrie Sanchez has been true to his word.

He said, if Wanderers fans gave him time and support, he would turn things around.

It's taken some time but, he has certainly managed to turn things right around.

We're now right back where we started when he arrived, looking like prime candidates for relegation.

The Big Chief was quoted after the Villa defeat as saying "This club won't be relegated under me, I can tell you that".

The question is, will he still be here at the end of the season to prove that?

Three home defeats in a week and ten goals conceded in the last two matches are just the latest in a long run of Wanderers woes.

One win in 17 league games is far more damning evidence of our long-term malaise.

Most of the squad appear to be lacking confidence or are unsure of the system they are meant to be playing.

This is not being helped by the constant changing of the team line-up and formation, as The Big Chief struggles to find a winning side.

The choice and poor performances of loan players has also been very disappointing.

Strikers Simon Patterson and Iffy (by name and by ability) Onuora were both sent back to their clubs early, with just two goals between them in ten appearances.

Let's hope that the latest loan arrival, centre-back Guy Branston proves to be a better choice.

Mind you, he must have wondered what sort of defence he had wandered into when Oldham scored after just 14 seconds.

The first Blues player to touch the ball in the match was Steve Williams when he picked it out of his net.

Whilst the home defeat by Colchester deeply hurt all Wanderers fans, the 5-2 thrashing by Oldham was far harder to suffer.

This was our worst display for a long, long time.

Thankfully, our performance against Villa was much better with plenty of promising passing and movement off the ball.

Not that this seemed to worry Villa too much, as they looked as though they were going to score every time they attacked.

Strangely enough, the only time we've previously conceded five goals in a league match at Adams Park was on the corresponding Saturday exactly ten years ago.

That defeat was bizarrely at the hands of our old rivals Colchester United.

Thankfully, the memories of that dreadful day were blocked from my mind long ago.

Apart from some sporadic outbreaks of booing and anti-Sanchez chants, the majority of fans have continued to support the team very vocally.

Whilst I would always defend the fans right to voice their opinion on the team or the manager, I cannot agree with derogatory chanting during the game.

This should be left to the final whistle. Although, the black humour choruses of "We only sing when we're winning" was very amusing.

With two tough away games coming up things are certainly not going to get any easier.

We can only hope that the manager finally selects a winning combination and we start picking up some much needed points.

Otherwise, another heavy defeat at league leaders Port Vale could see a veil being lowered over the Lawrie Sanchez era at Wycombe.