

Lawrie Sanchez: All the key dates in his amazing journey to the international arena

1959: Born in Lambeth.

October 1977: Makes his debut for Reading, ironically against Wimbledon.

1984: Signs for Wimbledon in a £30,000 deal from Reading.

1986: Scores the goal against Huddersfield which took the unfashionable Dons into the top flight.

May 1988: Scores the goal which creates one of the biggest shocks of all time as Wimbledon beat Liverpool 1-0 to win the FA Cup final.

1993: Leaves Wimbledon to join Swindon.

1994: Takes his first managerial position as boss of Irish side Sligo Rovers, guiding them into Europe before returning to Wimbledon as reserve team manager.

February 5, 1999: Appointed

manager of Wycombe. Wanderers are in deep relegation trouble, with some bookies not taking bets on them going down, but they get off to a great start with a 1-1 draw against Kevin Keegan's table-topping Fulham.

April 15, 1999: Sanchez breaks the club's transfer record, signing striker Sean Devine from Barnet for £200,000.

May 8, 1999: Wycombe escape relegation from Division Two on the last day of the season with a 1-0 win at Lincoln. They win six out of the last eight games to avoid the drop including a 2-1 victory at Manchester City.

November 1999: Sanchez has the first of a long series of spats with his own

supporters. He criticises stay-away fans after a poor attendance for an FA Cup tie against Wigan saying: "I've given up on the crowd."

October 16, 2000: He signs a new contract tying him to Wycombe until the end of the 2003/2004 season. Sanchez says: "In my time here I expect to be in the first division."

February, 2001: Blues go through to the quarter-final of the FA Cup after an epic penalty shootout victory over Sanchez's old club Wimbledon.

March 10, 2001: Sanchez guides Wycombe to victory over Premiership Leicester in the quarter-finals of the FA Cup with Roy Essandoh – a striker he signed after putting out a plea on Teletext – grabbing the winner. But Sanchez is sent off after arguing with a linesman when Wycombe penalty appeals are rejected.

April 8, 2001: Wycombe lose 2-1 to Liverpool in the FA Cup semi-final.

July 2002: Sanchez is hand-picked for the FA's pioneering UEFA Pro-Licence coaching course and is among the elite group of ten who pass with flying colours.

August 2002: Signs a one-year extension to his contract tying him to the club until July 31, 2005.

September 17, 2002: Blames the crowd after Blues lose 2-1 to Crewe. The team were booed when they were leading 1-0. Fans vent their anger back.

October 14, 2002: Sanchez holds a crisis meeting with fans to hear their views. The fans say they want to see more entertaining football and he says: "Ok, I'll play it your way."

November 16, 2002: Wycombe are knocked out of the FA Cup 4-2 by Brentford.

Sanchez tells the fans Wycombe could have played like Brentford if they'd let him, sparking more anger from the terraces.

January, 2003: Sanchez sells fans' favourite Sean Devine. Fans react with the first of the 'Sanchez Out' banners.

In a few months, more senior players leave the club as Sanchez tries to balance his books after accepting a reduced budget.

March 22, 2003: Wycombe lose 4-0 at Chesterfield. Sanchez take his players over to the fans to apologise but the supporters accuse him of humiliating the players.

August 9, 2003: Wanderers beat Stockport 1-0 to register their first opening-day win for nine seasons and follow it with a 2-0 win over first division Wimbledon in the Carling Cup which turns out to be his last win as Wycombe manager.

September 30, 2003: The club announce that Sanchez has been sacked after a 2-1 defeat at Tranmere – their 11th successive game without a win.

January 21, 2004: Sanchez is appointed manager of North-ern Ireland.