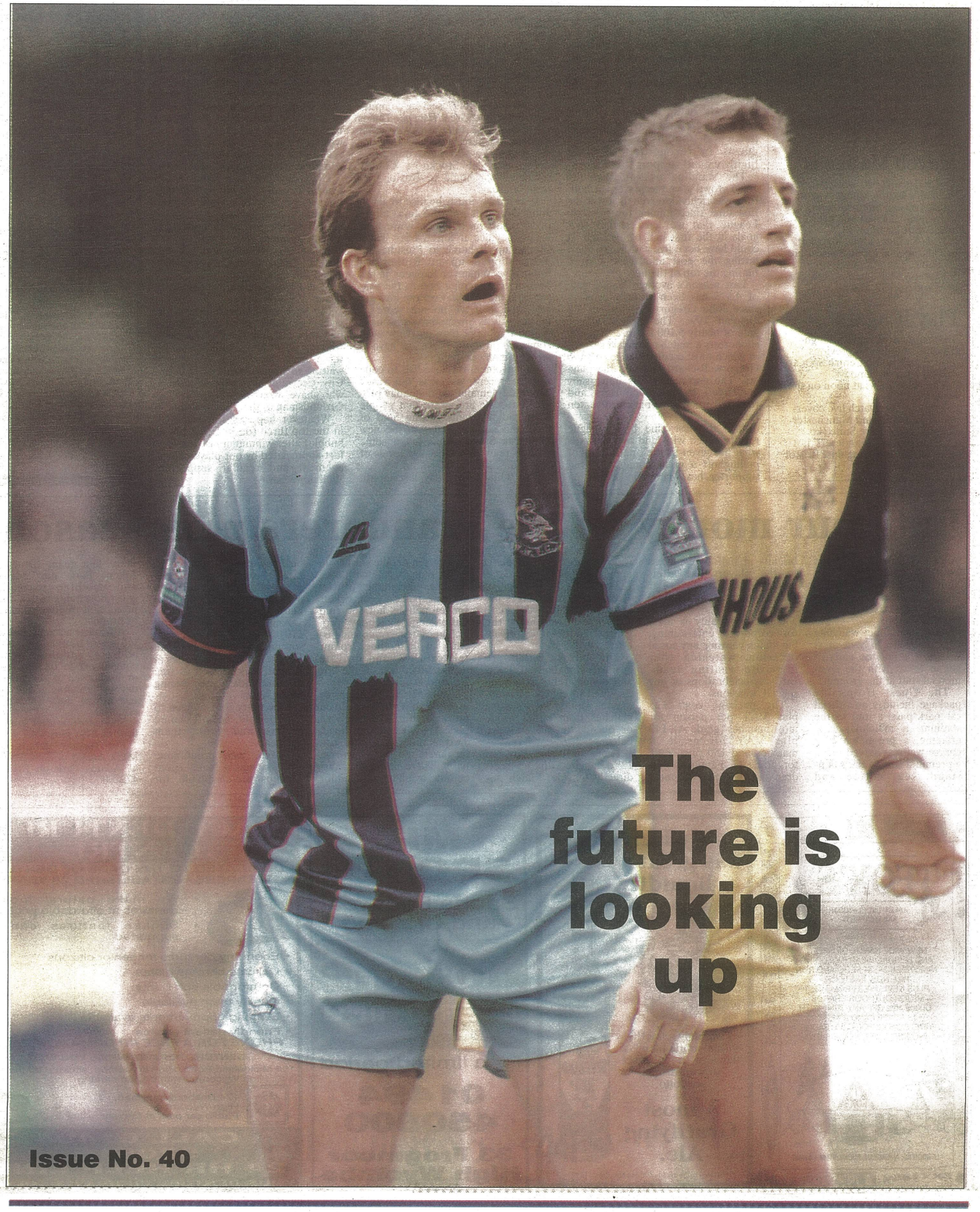
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The official newspaper of Wycombe Wanderers Football Club



The future is looking up

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IN SHORT

Poor shots

LEWIS DMR Ltd sponsored a golf day at Chartridge Park Golf Club, Chesham. Wycombe Wanderers ran a charity hole at the par three tenth. Players were challenged to put up £5 to land and stay on the tenth green. Successful players doubled their money, those who failed kindly donated their £5 to charity. Most players missed the green.

Lewis DMR Ltd's managing director Wally Adams presented a cheque for £280 made out to the MacMillan Nurses Cancer Relief Fund to Derek Vere managing director of our Official Club Sponsors Verco Office Furniture Ltd.

March Madness

THERE is just one week left of the club's March Madness sale where you can buy a Mizuno white away shirt/kit and get a home shirt/kit free.

Kids for kids, adults for adults or kids. Special kit deal prices are available. The offer ends at 5.30pm on May 2 and is exclusive to Wanderers In Town.

Play it again

YOU can watch replayed highlights of Wanderers' previous day's match in the Centre Spot at Adams Park on Sundays.

The video starts at noon on the big screen.

You can also watch live coverage of Leicester and Manchester United in the Vere Suite (ko 11.15am) before Wanderers' last game of the season against Bristol City on May 3.

Gregory's game wins over fans

OUR 5-0 win against Burnley was a great commercial success, not only because Wanderers had their largest midweek gate for two seasons, but also because hundreds of sponsors and their guests had chosen to attend this particular match as the club's guests in recognition of their highly valued support this season.

The standing ovation that the 5,786 crowd gave the players at half-time was richly deserved as it was the first time since joining the Football League that we have scored four goals in the first half of a match. It could have been five with Keith Scott hitting the post and Dave Carroll finding the top of the net.

Last season's average league gate of 4,573 has been steadily growing since John Gregory's arrival in late October 1996. The current league gate of nearly 5,100 is more than 500 supporters a match up on last season, of which most credit must go to John Gregory, Richard Hill and the players. The current style is universally applauded by the supporters and reflected in our five match unbeaten run.

Also the last nine home league results, seven wins and two draws is what has given us the opportunity of pulling off a great comeback. One supporter has written in suggesting

COMMERCIAL BREAK
By Mark Austin

we call the 1996/97 season compilation video The Great Escape. This is all very well as long as we do cross the line of safety, which we have not yet done. We still need one more point away at Stockport County tomorrow, or home to Bristol City next Saturday.

It would obviously be nice to get to John Gregory's pre-Christmas target of 53 points on our own, however it would be nice if Shrewsbury Town slipped up at home to Preston and York slipped up at Rotherham tomorrow. Whatever happens it has been a very exciting end to the season, and the only way we can now get relegated is if we do not score as many goals as Shrewsbury, who have scored one more than us. They have conceded far more, so we just have to score as many as them.

One problem we have had to cope with in recent weeks is the vastly increased demand for matchday programmes. We are aware that people have had problems getting hold of them this season, and with the new ServisPak Stand it has taken some time to readjust to the new levels of demand.

The 'Quid-a-Kid' day last month saw 6,562 come through the gate, including 2,000 children under 16 years of age. We had not allowed for such a large crowd or the numbers of kids who wanted a programme. Since then we have increased the number of programmes ordered. It really is not an exact science, although wasteage this season has been far less than last season, with the numbers of complete sell-outs vastly increased.

Hopefully our last home match against Bristol City will be one massive celebration. It is only a shame the police have insisted it is an 'all ticket' match for both home and away supporters.

Don't miss this one and buy your tickets in advance as the police have asked the club to stress that no tickets will be on sale on the day of the game.

My personal congratulations also go to my good friend Jim Gardner our very popular head groundsman who has got Adams Park into the top three again this season. We are still waiting to hear whether it is Bristol City, Crewe or Wycombe Wanderers who have won the Division Two Groundsman of the Year award.

Whatever happens Jim has come in the top three (despite that hot air bubble) after winning it last season, a fact appreciated by our players, management and regular supporters. Well done Jim.

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Put your money on the Wanderers next season

WYCOMBE Wanderers Football Club have kept hundreds of fans happy with Matchday Guest Hospitality packages and Executive Box lets this season.

And if you fancy watching a Blues game in style next season it is not too early to get in touch with the commercial staff at the ground.

The Guest Hospitality package includes an official car park pass, a tour of the stadium, a matchday programme, a pre-match four course waitress served meal, a premium seat in the Main-stand, tea, coffee and biscuits at half time, access to the players bar after, access to the Vere Suite Bar at half time and the final whistle.

Guest hospitality is ideal for corporate entertaining, big match viewing, any social occasion, watching your favourite visiting team, Birthday celebrations or any special occasions.

The package costs £35 plus VAT per person for most matches (grade A), £40 plus VAT for grade B matches and £50 plus VAT for grade C. Families, children and away fans are most welcome. Special discounts are given to children.

The club's first season of Executive Box packages has been very successful with supporters watching the game from their own private box.

The boxes, which are available for both day lets and annual rent, have been designed to enable boxholders the option of watching matches from either inside or outside on an exclusive balcony.

Every Executive Box has 12 designated tip up seats directly outside. Match day lets for ten people start from £500 plus VAT with the package including: official car par passes, seat tickets for ten people, hot and cold buffet, ten matchday programmes, tea, coffee and biscuits at half time, colour teletext TV and private drinks fridge, use of the box from noon until 7pm.

There is the option to upgrade to a waitress served four course meal for only £5 plus VAT extra per head. Two additional tickets can be purchased on a pro-rata basis. There are special discounts available to junior birthday parties wanting to hire a box, with a minimum of eight children under 16 and a maximum of four adults.

Annual rent is priced at £10,000 plus VAT per season per box and includes all League, cup and friendlies at Adams Park as well as free non-matchday use during office hours.

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Past glories remembered

WYCOMBE Wanderers celebrated the 50th Anniversary of the handing over of their old Loakes Park ground to the club by Frank Adams and the 40th Anniversary of the 1957 Amateur Cup Final, last Saturday.

Both anniversaries were celebrated as the Blues entertained Bournemouth in the Nationwide League Second Division.

On April 19, 1947, Frank Adams, a former player, officially handed over Wycombe Wanderers old Loakes Park ground to the club by a land transfer.

The deeds were handed over in a ceremony on the pitch prior to an Isthmian League match against Corinthian Casuals.

Loakes Park, which was situated next to Wycombe General Hospital in High Wycombe town centre and had a 16 foot slope, was later sold in 1988/89 for £3.5m.

The receipts from the sale helped the club finance the aptly named £3.75m Adams Park which opened in 1990, and only last month won a Football League award as the League's most improved ground.

VIP of the day last Saturday was Frank Adams's son Jack, who is the Patron of Wycombe Wanderers. He was introduced to the crowd before the kick off.

Also, on April 13, 1957, Wanderers appeared in the FA Amateur Cup Final at Wembley in front of 93,000 spectators against Bishop Auckland. Wanderers lost the match 3-1.

Ten of the players who played in that Wembley final were introduced to the crowd during half time by Press Officer Alan Hutchinson.

A fine time to cross the line

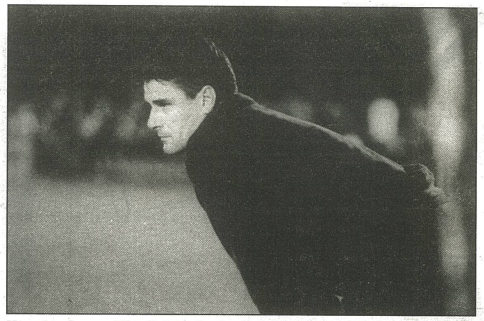
GREG'S GRAPEVINE
By John Gregory

WELL, after many, many months of trying, we have finally done it! We've moved out of the relegation zone at last. That's the easy bit. Now comes the difficult part – staying out.

Our recent victory at Notts County gave us the necessary three points to move up a place and above that green line on Teletext. But rest assured you can be certain that nobody in our dressing room is getting the slightest bit carried away with events. We still have some way to go yet, before we can even contemplate getting excited.

I sometimes get the odd letter from fans bemoaning the fact that we don't appear to thank you enough for your support away from home. Well take it from me, we thank you wholeheartedly for your fantastic backing in our hour of need – I do hope your journeys home from the last two away fixtures have been pleasanter than usual.

I would like to meet the lucky supporter who placed a £5 bet on us to beat Burnley 5-0, the odds of which were 100-1. He is either an extremely optimistic bloke or a complete fruitcake. I think even I would have stood his wager on the night. Yes, I thought we'd win but never in my wildest dreams could I have imagined such a scoreline.



New horizons: The future looks brighter for John Gregory

The players deserve all the accolades heaped upon them for such an inspired performance. But I shall expect that every week.

Although we only got one point against Bournemouth in our last home match it was still another point on the total and, as I have been suggesting for a few months now, one more point will give us that magic total of 53 points, which I've always said would be the safety mark.

The job is not done yet but I'm hoping that the next time you read my column in this newspaper we will have had a mini celebration and be looking forward to second division football again next season.

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City all-ticket

WANDERERS' last match of the season at home to Bristol City on Saturday May 3 (ko 3pm) has been made all-ticket.

Supporters can purchase tickets in advance from the Commercial Offices at Adams Park and on the Credit Card Hotline (01494) 441118 during normal office hours. They can also be purchased from Wanderers In Town in the Octagon Shopping Centre during normal shop hours.

All current Season Ticket Holders do not need to apply. They simply turn up on the day and use voucher 24.

No tickets will be available on the day of the match.

Shopaholics

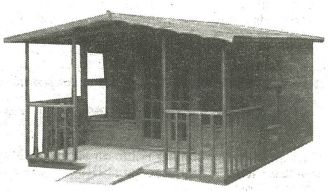
THE Blues have opened a new Club Shop in the concourse of the ServisPak Stand. The shop which is located in the West End of the stand stocks a whole range of Wanderers merchandise including replica kits, bronx hats, scarves, footballs and mugs. It is open before every home match, at half time and after the final whistle.

Read all about it

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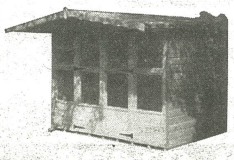
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Quarters back: Quarters make a return in the new away strip

The quarters are coming home

THE quarters are coming home on Saturday, May 3 when Wanderers entertain Bristol City at Adams.

The Football Club will be launching this new second away kit following the response from a supporters questionnaire earlier this year.

The design of the kit will be predominantly navy and yellow and will be supplied exclusively by Wycombe Wanderers kit suppliers Mizuno.

The new shirt will be navy and yellow quarters with the shorts and the socks being predominantly yellow with a touch of navy.

The kit will be going on sale from Wanderers In Town in the Octagon Shopping Centre from 9am, the Cornerflag Club Shop from 12 noon and the Concourse Club Shop in the ServisPak Stand at 2pm.

Please note that the new navy and yellow quartered second away strip will not be replacing the current white first away strip as this will be continuing for at least one more season.



New kids on the block: from left; Adrain Cole (YDO) Alan Beeton, Gary Wraight, Maurice Harkin, Aaron Patton, Neil Smillie (Youth team manager)

FOUR members of Neil Smillie's successful youth team have graduated to professional status.

Maurice Harkin was signed on earlier in the seson and has already played in the first team and now three others have been offered professional terms.

The three are central defender Alan Beeton, Gary Wraight, who can play at centre half or centre forward, and left back Aaron Patton.

Their graduation is a major achievement for the Blues because the club's youth policy is very much in its infancy.

Manager John Gregory said: "We're excited we've produced four and hope people in the community will see that young lads get a chance here and don't get lost like so many do at Premier League clubs.

"It is a big step for us to take on four from the youths. I'd like to think all four will be regulars in the reserves next season and be at a stage where they could come into the first team."

But the manager will keep their feet on the ground.

He said: "They'll still have boots to clean and kit to pack. I don't want them becoming big-time Charlies overnight."



Brucie Bonus: Wanderers rugged defender Michael 'Bruce' Forsyth as seen and drawn by Wycombe Wanderers own club cartoonist David Langdon



Crowded House: Fans have flocked to the Blues revival with a record midweek gate against Burnley



Player of the Month: Mickey Bell receives the award from sponsors Alan Davies and Brian Barnett

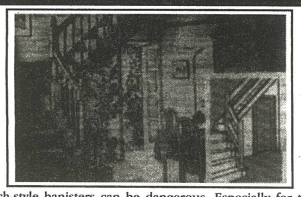


Fun time: Junior Blues at their fun day sponsored by Lucozade Sport and Mars confectionery



March man: Andrew Baird receives the Youth player of the month award from Chris Walters of Walters Group of Companies

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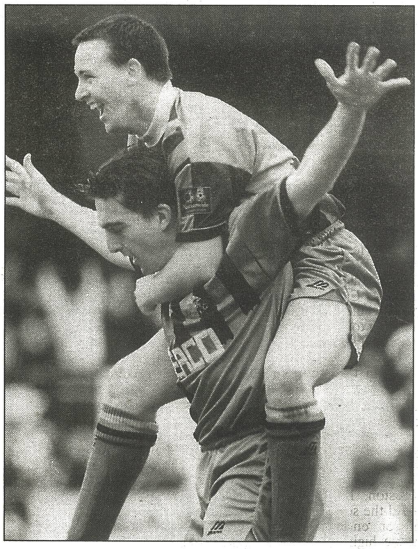
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Get on your favourite player's back

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The sponsors will be guests of Wycombe Wanderers at the Bristol City match on May 3 and afterwards will be presented with their players' shirt and a framed photograph of the presentation.

Players and management that have been sponsored for the 1996/97 season are: John Gregory by James, Harry & Victoria Sumner; Graham Hall by Sharon & Gary Trimby; Gary Wraight by Hampden Saw Mills; Mickey Bell by Graphic Arts Supplies Ltd; Steve Brown by John Palmer; Keith Scott by Frances Carvell; Paul McCarthy by Denzil, Margaret & Andrew Ashcroft; Dave Farrell by Denzil, Margaret & Andrew Ashcroft; Dave Carroll by Mike Clark; Gary Patterson by The Adams Family Fanzine; Matt Crossley by Ann Cohen & Co Solicitors 01494 677421; Maurice Harkin by Wycombe Wanderers Independant Supporters Club; Brian Parkin by Chairboys On The Net 100746.232@compuserve.com; Terry Evans by Carvells Newsagants, Marlow; Anthony Clark by Gerald Edelman – Chartered Accountants; Keith Ryan by Link Precision Services 01844 347062; Terry Skiverton by City Index Spread Betting 0171 528 9887; Richard Hill (Assistant Manager) by Francis Glenister, Salomon Brothers Int. Ltd 0171 721 3891; Jason Cousins by Liz Baines; Steve McGavin by Sharon Healey; Dave Jones (Physio) by The Smurfettes; John Cheesewright by Bill & Sheila, The Disraeli Arms; Jason Kavanagh by Andrea Webster-Brown Merry Christmas from Terry; Neil Smillie by The Blues Supporters Club 01494 563697; John Cornforth by Coach No. 1 The Blues Supporters Club; Michael Forsyth by Bucks Auto Components; Michael Simpson by Alan, Richard and Richard; Mark Stallard by Vince's Table; Paul Read by Graphic Arts Supplies.



Piggy back: Michael Simpson wastes no time jumping on Mark Stallard's shirt in celebration of a goal

Tension's almost over

OFFICIAL LINES By Elaine Butler of the Official Blues Supporters Club

WITH just two more league fixtures left this season can we be just that teeny bit confident that The Wanderers are staying up?

I am sure we can – according to the calculating mathematicians amongst us all we need is just one more point.

John Gregory and Richard Hill must be congratulated at the remarkable job they have done since joining the club. It might have taken a bit longer than we would have liked but, as they say Rome wasn't built in a day, and as it is not quite over yet. Let's have as many supporters as possible travelling to Stockport tomorrow to get behind the lads making as much noise as possible, (remember Burnley?).

The committee is pleased to announce that after our chairman Colin Strange and secretary Keith Blagbrough had a meeting with the National Federation of Football Supporters Clubs on Sunday, April 20, we have at last been accepted to join.

Full details of the benefits will be supplied to Blues supporters in due course.

The Blues Supporters Club along with WWISC are organising a joint junior five-a-side competition for under 13 and 15-year-olds on May 18, at Cressex Astroturf, starting at 9 am.

Anyone interested please contact Colin Strange, on (01628) 24731 or Jan Lewis on (01494) 524341.

Sponsor a toddler

WYCOMBE Wanderers Football Club are currently looking for an official sponsor for it's Saturday matchday creche Toddlin Wanderers'.

The club has always been proud of its family image and now local businesses are being invited to come onside and put their name behind the club creche.

The creche, which is open during every first team match played at Adams Park on a Saturday afternoon, caters for children aged between two-and-a-half years to eight-year-olds and is currently in its second season of operation.

Trained staff look after the youngsters while the parents are free to watch the match in the knowledge that their children are safe and enjoying themselves.

Drink and refreshments are served to the youngsters.

The creche is run from the Community Leisure Room at Adams Park which was officially opened two-and-a-half years ago by the Mayor of High Wycombe.

Whoever decides to sponsor Toddlin Wanderers will have their logo displayed alongside each advert placed in the matchday programme, in Blues News and also on all literature complied regarding the facility.

The company will also be entitled to PA announcements prior to every home fixture at Adams Park.

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Price you pay at Adams Park

By Graham Peart
Club Director

DEAR supporter,

Watching Martin O'Neill at Hillsborough last week brought back many happy memories.

No Wanderers supporter doubted that Leicester would lift the Coca-Cola Cup and who would bet against them beating top European opposition next season?

Leicester supporters went through the emotional highs and lows over the two final matches as only football can induce.

You, faithful supporter, have endured many lows this season. On occasions, particularly away at Bristol City, Preston, Bury and Chesterfield the season seemed to be never ending. There were some highs at home though, but always the next away game brought back the gloom.

Methodically John Gregory brought about changes. Change inevitably means taking a few steps backwards. It took Martin 11 games to get a win for Leicester. John brought about immediate changes of fortune at home but still our away form remained dismal.

The system of play changed, in many ways the differences were very subtle. The entertainment value improved immensely as can be seen by the steady increase in attendance's at home. But still our away form remained stubbornly poor.

Then we played that big match against Shrewsbury at home and our lads obliged with a 3-0 win. The next game at Luton attracted an incredible 1200 Wycombe supporters. The Luton supporters expected an easy three points. They were most surprised to see us match them for skill, speed, determination and fitness. Paul Read nearly grabbed a winner in the last five minutes. The draw was a fine result against the best football team in the division.

Our second away win at Notts County was watched by over 900 Blues fans.

Then came Burnley. They were challenging for a play off place, we were still stuck in the relegation black hole. John and his boys handed out what can only be described as a right hammering, to give us our best ever Football League result 5-0.

The pain, anguish and frustration of a season evaporated in the night air. But all these wonderful happenings have a cost. In the cold light of day when the season has ended the records will show that (hopefully) we remain in Division Two and for the third season running that your football club will have made a trading loss.

I say 'your' club because it is ultimately controlled by over 400 current season ticket holders. It is a limited company by guarantee with a maximum of 500 members. No dividends are paid. All proceeds are used for the furtherance of the club. This system gives great stability and is the foundation which makes the Wanderers unique in the League. However, your club must pay its way. We cannot live beyond our means next season. Since the new management team took command we have bought six players and we currently have a further player on loan. We have also released a number of players, most on free transfers, including our most expensive ever signing. It is coming good on the field and next season it is our turn to have some fun and be challenging for a play-off place or better.



Michael Simpson: One of Gregory's six new signings

If you wish to watch a good standard of football there is a price to pay. I am fully aware that increasing prices can have a negative effect on attendance. But it is essential that the club remains stable and that can only be achieved if money flows back in rather than out of the club.

I am hoping that success brings back the missing supporters, our current average of around 5100 is still 750 below our best of two seasons ago.

I am also hoping to win a few cup matches, maybe even do a Chesterfield. However, even with good results the total gate receipts will not even cover the players' wage bill next season, let alone the cost of employing the management team and all of the other staff.

So when you see some price increases for next season your immediate reaction is "why?" when there is little general inflation, my answer is that there is raging inflation in football.

In the end customers pay their suppliers' costs. Wanderers are no exception. The club primarily supplies entertainment and it needs to attract sufficient supporters at an economic rate to continue to thrive. Eventually, in two or three years the excellent youth team organisation run by Neil Smillie will become our engine room and maybe we will be able to follow the example of Crewe who always manage to sell a player each season to defray their costs.

Until then, please continue to support your club and be understanding of the costs of continuing our crusade through the leagues.

See you at the final night party on May 3.

WYCOMBE WANDERERS END OF SEASON SALE

Venue: Vere Suite, Adams Park, Wycombe Wanderers F.C.
Date: Sunday 4th May 1997
Time: 10am - 1pm

MOST ITEMS HALF PRICE OR LESS

All Wycombe Wanderers current home replica Mizuno kit will be **HALF PRICE** along with many other items.

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WWFC Model Vans	£7.99 (buy all 4 models for £12)	£3.99	50%
WWFC Jigsaw	£4.99	£2.50	50%
Big Bluey soft toy	£9.99	£4.99	50%

There will be many other huge reductions on the day such as large flags £3.99, rosettes £1, fridge kit magnet (pack of 2) £4.99, seat cushion and programme holder £3.99, coat hanger (pkt 3) £1, boot bags £2.50, autograph books £1.50, Kit and Bluey mug £1.50, car mini kits £1, WWFC thimbles £1, baby bluey soft toy £2.50 and WWFC Club tie £3.99.

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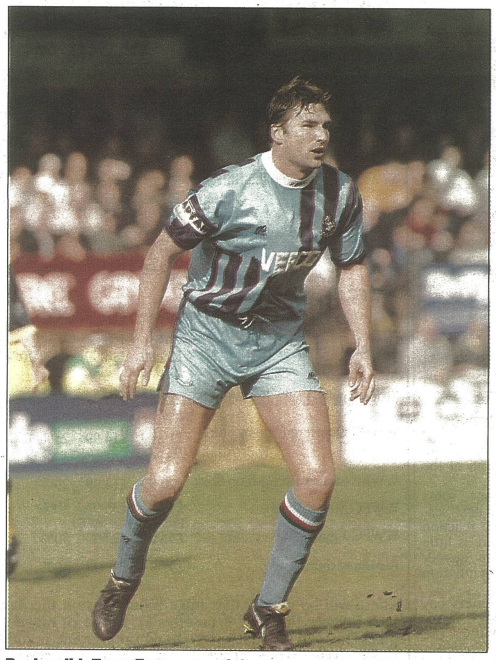
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Rock solid: Terry Evans one of the cornerstones of Blues' revival

SINCE I last put pen to paper we have played eight, won four, lost two and drawn two which has elevated us up the current form table.

Clearly our position needed a good run and the lads have put in a fantastic effort to almost ensure that we will be playing second division football next season.

Unbeaten at home in the league this year and only conceding two goals there has meant that Adams Park has proved to be the fortress I hoped it would be when the new stand was opened.

Gillingham away was very disappointing, we defended well but could not convert any of the chances we created. Shrewsbury at the time was crucial, if we had let that one slip then it would have been difficult to see much light at the end of the tunnel.

Scotty arriving on loan gave both the lads and supporters the lift we needed. He did not disappoint setting us on our way to a comfortable win with a classic Keith Scott goal. This result lifted a great deal of pressure off us and I feel we gave any doubters amongst the supporters the belief that we could claw ourselves out of trouble.

Easter Monday away at Bury was a very tough game. Unbeaten at home and with the best defensive record in all four leagues it looked to be a banker for anybody who wanted a flutter. I felt we played well but just not well enough against the division's in-form side.

Blackpool was tight but again

CAPTAIN'S LOG
By Terry Evans

Scotty scored to put pressure on the sides below us. On paper I thought that this looked to be our toughest home game.

After the win at home to Blackpool it was good to go to Luton and get a draw.

Notts County were virtually down before we beat them in a scruffy and bruising encounter. The way we played was not as important as the result.

Being suspended for the important fixture with Burnley was frustrating. Sitting in the stands knowing we had to get a result against a strong side on the verge of a play off position is a lot harder than actually playing. The performance by the lads was excellent and the result was one that had been due for a long time.

The large away support could not believe what was happening to them. It could have been many more than just the five we managed.

There was, however, one ex-Wycombe player in the crowd who was a little disappointed. Simon Garner was due to make a presentation at half-time but, as he is not very popular with the Burnley faithful, due to 14 successful seasons at their arch rivals Blackburn, where he managed to score against them with regularity, the advice of the Police, together with our safety officer, was that he should not appear.

To be totally out-played for 45 minutes and at 4-0 down the last person they would probably ever want to see waving to the crowd would be Garns!

Bournemouth was another tight game, after taking the lead, they defended in numbers. Before Scotty had joined us, we would have struggled to break them down and ultimately lost by the single goal.

Ever since the departure of Cyrille Regis we have needed a big target man to be a physical presence, hold the ball up and get on the end of defensive clearances. All successful sides in the lower division have a strong backbone right through the centre of their formation, with Bournemouth being one of the smallest sides in the league it was only right to bombard them with crosses, knowing that they did not have the height or physical strength to cope with a big target man.

Had Scotty not been denied by a post for the second time in a week, we would already be safe.

With Peterborough, Shrewsbury and York all suffering defeats last Saturday we now only need a point from our remaining two games.

As quite rightly written by Alan Parry in the Bournemouth programme, our supporters must take a great deal of credit for the position we now find ourselves in.

Your support, home and away, has been fantastic. If we do escape the drop, it is only what you supporters deserve. A big thank you from myself on behalf of all the lads for keeping faith in us.

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