

Blues answer their critics

I REFER to the published letters from Peter Sheridan and David Finch concerning Wycombe Wanderers, and would make the following comments.

Firstly I am pleased that they both put pen to paper, so many people complain amongst themselves but never endeavour to do anything about their complaints. At least these two gentlemen did something positive.

Regarding Mr Sheridan's letter he speaks of a 'once good team with pride and fighting spirit' and I assume he is referring to Wycombe teams of the past. It is no good dwelling on the past, that's history, those players are gone and therefore it is necessary to build a new team and very rarely is that achieved at any level in one season.

Obviously Peter is entitled to his opinion of the manager and

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players and let us face it, we all have different opinions. If I asked ten supporters to select a team from the current Wycombe squad I would get ten different answers.

As regards who should be substituted, that's a game we all play and very rarely get right, even in the days of Brian Lee's managership. Again we are back to opinions. Nothing is black or white in football.

To answer some of the points in David Finch's letter is somewhat easier. Before making derogatory remarks about the Committee he should make certain of his facts.

Running a football club at this standard involves all members of the Committee giving up a considerable amount of their free time to work for the Club. David suffers

from a common British malaise — 'somebody do something' — without suggesting any positive action.

On sponsorship, the officers and Committee have spent considerable time in meeting officials of the major companies in the town endeavouring to obtain a major sponsor. If those companies decide that they are not interested in this type of advertising that is their decision. As a Club we are continuing to search for a major sponsor.

Irrelevant

The question of a youth side and reserve team is constantly under review and the current policy could change.

The remark on the results of Manchester City or Wolves is irrelevant. Don't tell me, Mr Finch, that you have no interest in the Football League results.

I totally agree with your remarks regarding the replacement of Committee members if they are not functioning. However every year at the annual general meeting the competition for committee places is abysmal. Usually the apathy towards serving is such, that there is no competition.

Incidentally why don't you Mr Finch and you Mr Sheridan become members of the Club. As such you could attend meetings, question the officers and committee and even serve on the Committee yourselves.

There is an old saying — talk is cheap — it is the doing that is important. So why not join and really become part of the Club.

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... here's another one

SO Bedford is not in Andy Williams list of clubs to avoid in the FA Trophy! I fear that his reported comment to that effect may betray a characteristic error of judgement.

If the inevitable Bedford victory — perhaps in the replay — hastens the departure of a manager who seems woefully incapable of motivating, let alone inspiring, his side (and whose team selection often strains credibility), then that will have been a reasonable price to pay.

Let me hasten to add that I bear no malice towards Mr Williams — as a follower of Wealdstone during the '60's I often had occasion to admire his goalkeeping ability — but it has become clear this season that he is not one of those rare exceptions to the general rule that goalkeepers do not make good managers.

Having a second goalkeeper as coach, however good his credentials, has merely compounded the felony.

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