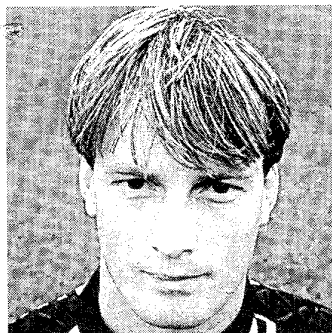


Players relish the big stage



Paul Hyde: Scoreline flattered

WHAT THEY SAID

BLUES' players were disappointed to concede a three-goal advantage to Coventry.

But many savoured their outing at Highfield Road despite the defeat.

Keeper Paul Hyde said: "I thought 3-0 flattered them.

"I reckon the possession was around 55 per cent them and 45 per cent us. The difference was the number of chances created and having the final touch.

"We were up against a Premier League side and they should obviously take it to us and win.

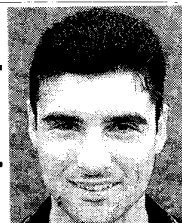
"But 3-0 is a tall order to make up. But we are not frightened of them. We are looking forward to the home game and hope the atmosphere is as good as it was tonight."

Winger Steve Guppy said: "Of course it's not all over, but it is a long way back. We have still got to give it our best shot in the return leg."

Striker Keith Scott said: "I enjoyed it. If we get an early goal in the second leg, you never know what could happen."

Of his second-half scoring opportunity, the centre-forward said: "I was very disappointed to miss it. It would have made it 2-1 at the time."

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I wanted to make up for sending off

I WAS determined to have a good game at Coventry after being sent off against Colchester last Saturday.

The manager told me that I had let the side down. I agreed that I had. I am the captain and should set an example.

I admit that, at the time, I could not believe the referee's decision, but I cannot complain now.

I was disappointed with the scoreline against Coventry on Wednesday night. I think we showed them too much respect.

I don't think we are by any means out of it, but I think it will be difficult for us.

A 3-0 deficit will be a battle to overhaul at our place.

I hope the Wycombe supporters make as much noise as they did tonight.

They made it sound like there were 7,000 to 8,000 of them there. They were absolutely superb.

When we were all on our last legs they really gave us a lift and carried us through. They always rise to the big occasion.

Coventry were a good side, but we conceded two sloppy goals from set pieces.

I was up against Roy Wegerle and John Williams who are good players and difficult to stop if you let them run at you.

We put on a much better display in the second half, when we should have scored.

There was a 20-minute spell where no one on the pitch could catch their breath with the game sweeping one way, then the other.

They would shoot and then we would go forward. I would imagine it was very good football for the fans to watch.

Looking at tomorrow's game against Doncaster. We need to get a good result after what happened last Saturday.

I think the game is going to be very tight, and a lot different from Wednesday night's game where we were given more room to play.

Potter joins up to fill left back spot

ON-loan full back Graham Potter is the latest player to join Wycombe's injury-hit line-up.

The 19-year-old, at Adams Park for a month, arrived from Birmingham City last Friday to step into the left back position, following David Titterton's cartilage injury two weeks ago.