

Robert Mendick's

Backchat



Blues' Garner has northern Karma

LITERATURE and football have always shared a strong bonding.

Posey French writer Albert Camus was a sometimes goalkeeper. Arsenal fan Nick Hornby has managed to lure tribes of his fellow Gooners into bookshops with his excellent Fever Pitch, while Martin Amis is once more pretending to be a soccer lad.

Some footballers though have to be different, devout followers of ancient Indian literature that they are.

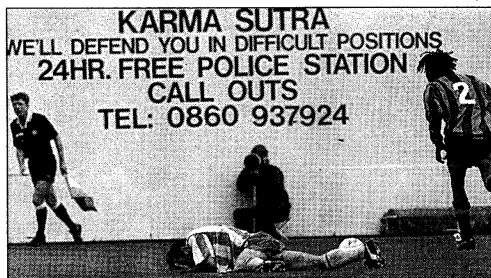
Take poor Wycombe Wanderers striker Simon Garner, pictured here during Blues' recent excursion up north to Bradford.

At first it appears that poor Simon has taken a tumble from some brickhouse of a defender and is gallantly attempting to get back into the game.

Or is he?

Gaze, eagle-eyed readers, at the sign in the background. Could Simon be emulating some act from his favourite tome on the pitch?

Is the photography chappy in the background some German snapper expecting him to pull a Prince Charles?



I swear the book said left leg under right arm: Simon Garner gets his football shorts in a twist

Picture by Michelle O'Connor

In the tradition of fearless investigative journalism, Backchat rang that number on that sign.

Aurangzeb Iqbal, a Bradford solicitor, answered and admitted he was behind the eye-catching adverts.

Apparently, the whole North is now on tenterhooks as it waits for him to reveal his latest effort.

He said: "Everytime I go to the magistrates they are sniggering about it. We have had plenty of

comments about it although sometimes we have other solicitors sticking their noses up."

As far as Mr Iqbal is aware, our Simon had yet to contact him about his difficult position.

And if you happen to be reading Backchat while being charged in a police station, do not ring the number. Mr Iqbal did not say how much he charged for petrol expenses.

Swansea match is all-ticket

WYCOMBE'S forthcoming League match against Swansea City at Adams Park is all-ticket.

Season ticket holders are guaranteed entry in their chosen season ticket terrace as normal, up to 2.45pm on the match day, on Saturday,

October 1 (ko 3pm).

It is also the normal league-match procedure for stand season ticket holders and vice presidents.

Leagueline full members and family stand ticket holders can buy tickets between the following times: Friday,

September 9, 9.30am-5pm; Saturday, September 10, 12 noon-3pm; Monday, September 12, 9.30am-5pm.

General sale of tickets is from the commercial office from Tuesday, September 13 until Friday, September 30, 9.30am-5pm (weekdays only).

WYCOMBE WANDERERS (1) 1 LEYTON ORIENT (0) 0 Adams Park, September 7th 1994

We continued our winning sequence last Wednesday with a hard fought single goal victory over Leyton Orient. We started brightly with Langford shooting wide after 4 minutes after a fine solo run. Two minutes later the same player hit the post with a header from a Turner left wing cross. The winning goal came in the 28th minute when Langford headed home a Hutchinson corner - his 5th goal in three outings. We nearly increased our lead in the 39th minute when Turnbull headed just wide. The game faded in the second period with the visitors coming more into the game but we held on for our third consecutive victory.

Full Line-Up:- C.Moussaddik (R. Fealer H-T), S.Stevens, S.Cash, M.Crossley, G.Creaser, M.Blake, S.Hutchinson, T.Langford, E.Ossedjian (D.Hyde 77min), L.Turnbull (C.Connell H-T), and A.Turner.