

A VIEW FROM THE STAND

By Ron
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Expectation is heavy burden

EVERYTHING was set up for a great party – last match of the season, big crowd with lots of away supporters facing relegation and a play-off place to play for – unfortunately nobody told Plymouth we were supposed to win.

The day got off to a great start with Steve Brown winning the fans' Player of the Year award by a mile, fully deserved for his greatly improved performances from this time last year.

We were further encouraged with the news that Plymouth had borrowed a 17-year-old rookie to keep goal, and their Unpaid Team Adviser had named himself as substitute keeper. Old Russell Osman had certainly aged since I last saw him singing with his brothers.

Just five minutes gone, and we're already a goal down – this must be one of the earliest renditions of the Bucks Free Press End choir's 'The referee's a banker' – well, his name was Lloyd.

Still losing at half time when we are introduced to a number of ancient Wycombe players. Surely Simon and Cyrille should have been included as well.

The second half begins with a bang (or a Bell) when Mickey puts us level, but Plymouth are quickly back in front. The final whistle comes too soon and the lap of honour is very half hearted despite Terry Evans' brave efforts as cheer leader.

Sitting quietly in the deserted stand watching the last of the Blues fans silently streaming away, thoughts turned to next season and who will be playing for us – more importantly who will be managing.

Martin and the team have given us another great year at Adams Park, but the fat cats are bound be purring over Martin's pedigree very soon.

Ron's the winner

RON Barnett is the winner of our search for a wordsmith to compile a weekly column which conveys a fan's personal view of the happenings at Wycombe Wanderers.

The 48-year-old father-of-two, who lives in Watlington and works for a High Wycombe-based advertising company, wrote an entertaining 250-word article about Wycombe's 1-0 triumph against Oxford in the recent derby at Adams Park.

In a separate piece, he said about the club: "Wycombe Wanderers have captured my imagination, support and wallet over the last four years. Their fantastic achievements and the great team spirit that runs throughout Adams Park is infectious."