

A VIEW FROM THE STAND

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Nice finish, shame about the rat race

THE Blues 1994/95 Roadshow finally came to rest in sunny East London with an away win.

It significantly featured the debut of Anthony Clark, our youngest League player. However, it was our oldest player Cyrille Regis who came off the bench to score the all-important goal.

So, we've ended the season on 78 points, just three short of Martin's target and in sixth place – a magnificent achievement that would have given us a play-off spot any other year. One great consolation for me is that we have finished above Oxford United and completed the double over them.

Living in Oxfordshire, surrounded by United supporters, makes this especially satisfying and profitable – hopefully I'll win more bets next season.

Football is full of 'if-onlys' but if only we could have maintained the level of results achieved against the top six clubs, excluding ourselves, throughout the season, we would still be involved in the promotion battle.

Our record against Birmingham, Brentford, Crewe, Bristol Rovers, Huddersfield and Oxford, reads: played 12, won seven, drawn three, lost 2, goals for 13, goals against 9.

Over the season, that level of performance would have given us a total of 84 points, good enough to finish in third spot.

So Ivor and Martin, the answer is simple – all you have to do is convince the powers at the Endsleigh League fixture office that we should only have to meet the best sides in the division. No more messing with these relegation contenders and also-rans; we're much too good for that.

Better still, why not give us an automatic play-off place, then we're guaranteed to only take on the top teams.