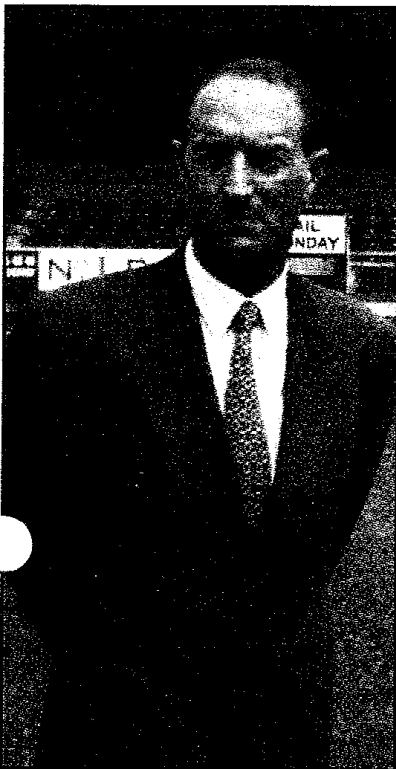


Blues get a blast from the boss

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A DISAPPOINTED Alan Smith has blasted his Wycombe players for their dreadful disciplinary record at the start of the season.

"I had them all in on Sunday -for the second time- and told them a few home truths. They were left under no illusions as to what I thought of it all.

"We are good enough to win our matches but we won't if we have to play 50 or 60 percent of the games with only nine or ten players.

"I am disappointed because their indiscipline reflects on me, on the club and on the team itself.

"It's unfair on the fans who pay good money to watch us play in the expectation that they will see a full strength side.

"I have never had, in my career as a manager, this number of players sent off and suspended and I mean to stamp it out.

"Some of the players seem to be taking a long time to take on board the information I am hammering at them. There is a lot of hard work to be done on the training ground before we get this right."

"Steve Brown is a good player but he has to learn the facts of life. He wants to play at a higher level and has the talent to do so but he must learn discipline."

Mark Foran misses the crucial match against table topping Bradford on Saturday, a match Wycombe will want to get something from following their impressive mid-week win against Brighton which lifted them to a more respectable 13th position.

"That was the first time we finished with a full team. The lads played well and we deserved the win."

Now the manager's headache worsens - goalkeeper Paul Hardyman and Paul Hyde also face one match suspensions while Steve Brown still awaits how many games he will miss.

Interest is building on the Coca-Cola Cup match against Manchester City at Adams Park on September 19 but the manager is putting first things first.

"The Endsleigh league Div 2 is our bread and butter. We have to succeed in that although the cup matches are tremendous occasions and big money spinners.

"We will be concentrating on our next few league matches against Peterborough and Chesterfield although we have had Man City watched against QPR. They will be tough to beat but I believe we could spring a surprise - if we get our discipline right.

It was significant that against Brighton, we had no-one sent off and won."

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