

VIEW FROM THE STAND

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All these draws must make us Pools' pet

ANOTHER home draw, our third in five home games, and our fourth 1-1 result in nine league matches.

Although the pools companies will love us, we're certainly not going to get very good odds on a draw from Ladbrokes!

Once again we started really well and got the early goal but fell away and allowed Wrexham to boss the match for long periods. It wasn't until the last 20 minutes that we seemed to believe we could win.

If only Paul Hardyman's last minute shot had gone in off the post instead of crashing away to safety.

For most of the second half our play was very predictable and almost lethargic.

It's sad to see Stewart Castledine returning to Wimbledon. He has performed well for Blues.

I didn't notice anyone arguing with the 'lino' on the main stand touchline on Saturday. Built more like a Wigan rugby league forward, I thought the referee was very brave to over-rule him.

Before and after Saturday's match, I asked 50 women for their views on the club and players. Next week I'll be telling all, but here's a sneak preview.

One of the girls behind the club bar insisted Paul Hyde was definitely her favourite player. To ensure I didn't embarrass her by printing her name she even promised to buy me a pint.

Another lady, the wife of a club official selected Stewart Castledine.

Make sure you read next week's column for the results of my girl talk survey – and don't forget you owe me a Guinness Charlotte.