

VIEW FROM THE STAND

By Ron Barnett



Give us a win at the derby

ANOTHER draw on Saturday, making five in ten league matches – at least we are consistent. Still with Swindon and Blackpool going down, we didn't lose ground on the leaders.

More importantly, Oxford lost at home and we are now level with them. With the local derby only two weeks away, I hope the Bald Eagle and his Blues Band can get us a result.

The big news this week is the result of my Girl Talk survey.

Almost without exception the ladies thought facilities were very good. Smoking was the main problem and several people suggested non-smoking areas.

Swearing also upset some but others accepted it as part of the game. In general, most said the club was female friendly.

The voting for the ladies favourite players was in two categories, Blues Hunk and Best Entertainer.

Jason Cousins ran out winner of the hunk title with Terry Evans second, and Paul Hyde and Mickey Bell who tied third.

The best entertainer was Miquel Desouza, followed by Jason Cousins with Dave Carroll and Simon Garner both third.

The overall favourite was Jason Cousins, Miquel Desouza was second and Terry Evans third.

Keith Ryan lost a couple of votes because of the length of his hair. One lady unkindly suggested he should have it cut and give the locks to Alan Smith.

LETTER

What else is on the agenda Wanderers?

I READ with great interest an article by Sharon Walter in the sports section of last week's issue. Wycombe Wanderers FC have become aware that to increase the attendances substantially they need to target families especially young children as they will be the adult supporters of the future.

As a regular visitor to Adams Park, the incentives to attract them have not gone unnoticed and I agree that the football played needs to be entertaining to encourage those people to return, but what else is on the agenda?

Well, when the astroturf pitch is completed this will attract those who are able to participate but what about the rest? I believe that with the vast untapped population that Wanderers have at their disposal they should start to concentrate on other activities and not just football.

Wanderers are fortunate to have an excellent stadium together with a new management team who have made it clear that they are committed to the local community. It therefore seems obvious that they should try to encourage more of the young Wycombe public to come to the ground other than on the few available days when games are played. Otherwise ten years down the road they may just find themselves with the same problem.

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