

Football pitch is not on track

WITH reference to the letter from Mr Hewson on October 27, (which I have only just seen) in reply to mine of October 13, I believe that there is some misunderstanding. When I proposed moving Wycombe Wanderers pitch, stands, changing rooms and bar - but not other facilities - to the Sports Centre, I stressed that there would be no need to interfere with any of the Sports Centre facilities other than the football pitch, which is well away from the running track. There would be no need to touch the running track or the land within the track, or the land around it.

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Season tickets are too pricey

HAVING been two loyal supporters for over 63 years (since 1932) I felt I must write to tell you the reason my husband and I, and also, I suspect, many other supporters have not renewed season tickets this year. It would cost over £400 for both of us, which we feel is very expensive.

We decided we couldn't stand at our age. So we thought we would pay and sit in the stand for some games. When we did this the cost was, for two, £24. Don't you agree this is a high price for one-and-a-half hours football for pensioners? We thought so, and I'm sure many more think the same.

Perhaps a small part of the stand could be given up to such as us, say around 50 seats at a cheaper rate. I'm sure they would be taken up.

After 60 years we do miss our football. We go back so many years never missing a game home or away, standing in all weathers, also standing at Loakes Park when the crowd was around 300, we were there watching the Blues.

From two old, but loyal supporters wishing them success in the future.

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**VIEW
FROM
THE STAND**
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We defied unlucky 13

WELL, we managed to survive the unlucky thirteen and keep our unbeaten run intact, thanks to another excellent away performance. It's always sweet to beat Swansea and their unruly fans, but to come from behind is even sweeter.

Looking back to our last league defeat, at home to Bournemouth in August, it is no coincidence that this was Terry Howard's first start of the season. In all 13 league matches since then he has given commanding performances and has been almost as inspirational as Terry Evans.

Now we've got Super Simon Garner back in the front line, he is providing the same inspiration around the opposition goal. Mind you I bet there are some complaints at the club about the drop in pre-match bar takings and cigarette sales.

Monday night could be the start of another unbeaten run, this time in the FA Cup. I just hope that the size of the crowd won't be reduced because of the match being beamed live on Sky TV. With luck, Gillingham will be bringing a reasonable number of fans to ensure a good cup-tie atmosphere for the cameras.

I seem to remember that TV commentator Brian Moore was once a Director at Gillingham. This means we have our second Clash of the Commentators within a few weeks. Blues Director, Alan Parry, won the first battle when we crushed Jim Rosenthal and Oxford 4-1. Now Alan has another chance to take a few bob off a TV colleague.

If we can maintain our improved form and resist the challenge of Gillingham, and whoever we may meet in the second round, we may be lucky enough to land another Premier Division side in round three. After defeats in the last two years by Norwich and West Ham maybe we can make it third time lucky. Come on Blues - the sky's the limit.

Meanwhile any Blues fan who missed Alan Parry's column in the York programme might like to upset a few Premier club fans with some analysis on team performance.

Wycombe fan Algis Kuliukas, who runs a company in Penn, has fed all the results of every club who has ever played in the football league into his computer. His latest set of statistics included the Blues draw at Burnley, which was our 99th league match.

The nugget of gold obtained from all this work is that Wycombe are the most successful club in the football league. We have averaged 1.646 points in all our matches whilst Liverpool are second on 1.644 and Manchester United have 1.582 in third place.

Since these results were published the Blues have taken another 13 points from five games, increasing our average to 1.692. Bearing in mind both Liverpool and Manchester United lost last Saturday, we are now pulling away from both of them.