

A draw, but it's no bore

VIEW FROM THE STAND

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YET another 1-1 home draw. But, this one was no score-draw bore. We were treated to 90 minutes of skilful, attacking football. Blimey.

Apart from the first half at Oxford, this was the Blues' most exciting performance of the season – and the best at home by a mile. Everyone played their part, including the fans who were delighted with the style of play.

Unfortunately, our poor finishing cost us all three points.

Providing we can continue playing as well as this, we now only need a proven goalscorer who can capitalise on the excellent openings being made. Let's hope the Bald Eagle has one or two names on his shopping list. Failing this, he could well put Keith Ryan up front. His strength, enthusiasm and knack of scoring vital goals may be the answer.

John Williams' last-minute overhead kick made him the unlikely hero. Hopefully it will give Big Bad John confidence to improve his performances and win over the supporters.

Apart from the obvious delight of scoring, my most enjoyable memory of Saturday's late equaliser was that many of the whingers missed a great goal. A steady procession headed for home when County went ahead.

Most of these sad cases would have been stranded in the car park when Williams' shot hit the back of the net.

■ Monday evening's defeat of our second string by Aylesbury meant another early exit from a cup competition. In years gone by, the Berks and Bucks Cup has provided some excellent matches against local sides of all shapes and sizes.

It is sad to see this tournament now reduced to a minor role in the Blues' fixture list. With such a crowded season I'm sure, given the choice, the club would prefer to give this devalued competition a miss.

Smillie's people win

A DAMIAN Markman penalty and a Lee Allen goal secured a 2-1 victory for Wycombe's youth team over Barnet in the South East Counties Division Two.

It moved them back to second place in the table on Saturday after Blues lost their first game of the year against Brighton.