

Defeat cost us too much

I'M not sure whether Brentford are a better side than their league position indicates, or our dismal performance made them look impressive. Either way, we were well beaten.

Apart from Ben Roberts and the defence doing well to contain Brentford to just one goal, we were second best in almost every aspect of the game.

This was especially evident up front where Miq Desouza and Steve McGavin failed to test the Bees keeper, who was clearly struggling with an injury.

We rarely looked comfortable on the ball and sadly slipped back into our old habit of hitting long and hopeful (often hopeless) balls to a pair of strikers who were never able to get the better of their markers.

If we are going to make any concerted challenge for promotion, we need to find a more potent strike force – and fast!

VIEW FROM THE STAND

By Ron Barnett



We are already 13 points worse off than at the same stage last season and have the look of a mediocre mid-table side.

Despite the disappointment of the performance, and the defeat, it was still sad to be surrounded by a bunch of fans who loudly booed the side off the pitch and yelled their disapproval at some of the players and Alan Smith.

Were these the same supporters who expressed their delight at the performances against Swindon and Notts County?

To rub salt in the wound, Oxford won at Burnley on

Tuesday evening to record their first away win of the season.

They have now moved above us in the table and I'm bound to get a severe ear-bashing from my mate Sad Keith. He has the misfortune of being an Oxford fanatic.

If we don't finish above United in the table it will also cost me a fair bit of money.

Talking of money, Brentford did a good job of emptying our pockets.

Their seats, at £13, were even more expensive than Adams Park and the 50/50 tickets were twice our price at £1.

But the biggest scam was charging £1.50 for a month-old programme with a tatty single sheet update.

Luckily we remembered sitting last year with our knees tucked under our chin, and took the cheaper option to stand at £7.80.

It's bad enough losing, but to be ripped-off as well is going too far!