

Moaners don't deserve our win

I WONDER whether those people who wrote in last week criticising Alan Smith and his team were among the scores of fans who left Adams Park before the end of last Saturday's 4-1 victory over Stockport County?

If they were, then they have no right to criticise anybody and they do not deserve a winning team.

I wonder also if it was the same people chanting John Williams' name on Saturday who booed him off the pitch at Brentford, singing 'what a waste of money'?

On Saturday, Wanderers outclassed Stockport. They played them off the park and County were lucky to escape with only a 4-1 drubbing. But did their fans turn on their team? No, they stayed right until the end and sang their hearts out.

It made me ashamed to be a Wycombe supporter to see people flocking for the exits

with nearly ten minutes of time still to play, in what must surely have been Wanderers' finest performance of the season.

How must it make the players feel to see such a lack of enthusiasm and dedication, and why should they play with spirit for people who are so fickle and hypocritical?

Every supporter should get behind the team - particularly when things are going badly.

It worked for us against Hull earlier in the season, so why not in the future?

As for the Johnny-Come-Lately moaners who are miffed that they might have to miss out on their annual trip to Wembley, why don't you get back to "following" Arsenal or Manchester United, or wherever you sprang from and put us all out of your misery.

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The truth is we are feeling alienated

Open letter to Alan Parry

IN reference to your column in The Blues News, it said: "I think it's time for a few home truths." Well, here's some for you, because I think it's you who is missing the point.

It was Martin O'Neill and his management team who put this club where it is today and left a platform for the incoming management to build on.

The present manager Alan Smith did himself no favours by criticising Martin O'Neill's way of getting the job done. Martin O'Neill generated a terrific atmosphere, not only for the players and club, but also for the whole community and had the total respect of every Wanderers fan.

So when a club hero like Paul Hyde is pushed out of the club it leaves a bitter taste, more so, when as most supporters now know a feud took place. Even when Paul Hyde won the player of the

month award while being dropped by Mr Smith, it wasn't presented on the pitch in the usual manner in front of the fans who loved him, but in some back room.

So you see Mr Parry, it's not that I'm living in past glories, I'm watching Mr Smith on his self-erected podium, looking down at us, the fans, and shooting himself in the foot with his mouth.

If Alan Smith wants the respect of the fans, he has to earn it the way Martin did. He won't do that by treating players and fans the way he does.

Mr Parry, you may not have notice, but the team went out of all Cup competitions at the first round, while Alan Smith fiddled with his so-called systems. I bet Mr Smith has a whole team of analysts, not just one.

So with no cup runs, our heroes being discarded and thrown out, it's no wonder

that at the corresponding home game against Stockport last season, the gate was 5,880. This year it was 4,246, even with Quid-A-Kid. Now I suggest to you, don't worry about the fans' negative reaction to Mr Smith. Start worrying about what it's costing the club in revenue. By my calculation, the gate was down by 27 per cent on last year.

On a brighter note, it was good to see the team back to a 4-4-2 system and everyone seemed back in tune. It was a great hat-trick by John Williams. As for Dave Carroll, well 'Jesus' does walk on water after that goal. So as a footnote Mr Parry, if we sell or free transfer him, God forbid, then as you and Mr Smith will be the last ones out of Adams Park, don't forget to switch off the lights at Wycombe Wanderers.

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