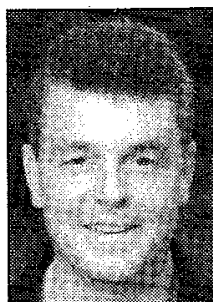


New clobber's not for me

**WYCOMBE
WANDERERS
INDEPENDENT
SUPPORTERS'
CLUB UPDATE**
By Bob Officer



HANDS up how many people are happy with the new kit unveiled by Wycombe Wanderers on Tuesday, not many I bet.

While I commend the club's decision to allow fans to choose the next kit, you could not help thinking the choice left a great deal to be desired.

Keeping the kit traditional was never going to be an easy task, but as our existing quarters have become synonymous with Wycombe, it will be a sad day when they are replaced by the proposed design. Possibly the club could have courted supporters' help at the initial design stage, rather than just allowing them the choice of either of these unsatisfactory designs at the final hurdle.

After all, the main reason for changing strips is purely commercial. The club will want fans to buy the kit in great numbers so it would make sense to ensure the produce meets with the approval of as many fans as possible.

The club has said that hundreds voted on the designs and that 65 per cent were in favour of the strip chosen. A quick calculation shows that if there were 200 votes, 130 were in favour, hardly an overwhelming figure when compared with our average gate of 4,600.

Two weeks' ago saw a superb display against Stockport lift everybody's spirits, but since then the fates have conspired against us with a referee-orchestrated defeat at Peterborough, and two early goals undermining us at home against Swindon where Wycombe's second-half performance deserved a share of the spoils.

Frustration

The emergence of John Williams has come at the right time with his recent performances showing the quality he has previously promised but never delivered.

Alan Smith has gone on file stating after the Stockport result that 'all the whingers should stop moaning', an interesting statement directed at fans who only voice their concern out of frustration, not out of satisfaction gained. These so-called 'whingers' probably have the club at heart more than he will ever know, but then why should he, as Mr Smith manages the football team, not the supporters.

WWISC have recently compiled a Supporters' Charter which effectively is a listing of ideas and suggestions to the football club on subjects such as ticket allocation, the new stand, the team strip, supporters' representation etc. The document has been sent to the chairman and directors.

The Charter's intention is to give the Club input into areas that greatly affect supporters and to hopefully promote a better understanding and co-operation between them and supporters' organisations.

If anyone would like a copy, please send a sac to WWISC, 25 Queen Street, High Wycombe.

So far this season, we have reached a total of 288 members. This has eclipsed last season's total of nearly 200, not bad considering various situations that have occurred this year. For those interested, we have reduced our membership fee to £2 for the rest of the season to enable supporters to take advantage of the benefits of becoming a member of WWISC.