

Smith is not the manager for us

An open letter to Alan Smith.

THE pressure you have put on the Wanderers players via the media, stating their jobs were on the line, clearly showed in Saturday's match against Swansea. The team lacked enthusiasm for the game.

Well-established players have been dropped from the team on the pretext that you wish to see how other players perform. Surely you have already attended training sessions, Capital and youth games to know what your players can do.

The flak you receive from the Wycombe supporters has been brought about by your own attitude to us. We season ticket holders, and other long-standing loyal fans, have come to watch Wycombe Wanderers for many years. We do not expect to win every game, but we do expect to see the team play to the best of their ability.

We have seen these same players many times and know they can and have played better.

Twice this season Wanderers have been jeered off the pitch by their own supporters. Never has this happened under any other manager.

You almost ran to the tunnel after the game on Saturday. Why? Because you could not face us fans? Because you knew you had made a bad decision with your team selection.

When we have lost games in the past, we have still applauded the team off the pitch, and the team us, but some of the last performances have been dire, with players just going through the motions for 90 minutes.

We were surprised so many supporters turned up for the game on Saturday. As the attendance gate for the Rotherham game was Wycombe's lowest record, ever, for a league game, this alone must tell you what you are doing to Wycombe.

These last couple of matches were more like pre-season friendlies but with very little atmosphere.

Why did you apply for the position of manager when you clearly don't respect the traditions of the Wanderers? You even want to change a unique kit.

We accept you would not wish to win your first season using another manager's team, but why drop Hyde, Howard, Cousins, Gardner and Hardyman.

You have alienated too many fans by your personal comments about the players and the fans to ever retain our respect. You are obviously not the manager for us.

When you first came to Wycombe we looked forward, hopefully to a season of success, although accepted you would need time to rebuild the team. However, after one season it has been proved this is not to be. You have tried to make players play a completely different style of football overnight.

The moaners are not welcome

I AM writing this letter to say how sickened I was with some of the supporters' comments at the Swansea match.

This was the first time this season that I stood on the Equity & Law stand and the last.

These people are not fans, they are morons. There is a man out there who has scored 20 goals this season and the way they abused him, you would think he has scored two goals.

He is one of the better players we have got, along with Bell, Patterson, Brown, Carroll, Howard and our captain Terry Evans.

Even our captain was subject to abuse which was well out of order for a man we have loved since he came here from Brentford.

We fans have to get behind our team whether we are second, 12th or 22nd in the league or we will be back in the Conference.

People who come here and moan at every match, we do not want you here.

Yes I know we have not had a good year but we are not relegated and if we bring in four new players and get rid of a few and have a bit more consistency we will do well.

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We have given you a whole season to prove yourself worthy of being the Wanderers manager. You have given us nothing.

Will we be season ticket holders again next year? Will we even attend a match next year? Do you really care?

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