

"Opinions....."

Vini, Vici, Vidi, he came he saw he conquered is the translation. Well, he came, he saw, but he certainly did not conquer. The Smith era is over. It has to be said that I supported the bloke when "The Legend" left, and in fairness to Alan, "football is all about opinions, but only my opinion counts", a legend cannot easily be replaced, Revies Leeds Utd, Busbys Man. Utd for many years bear testimony to that statement.

Like many others, I attended all "the Opinions" forums. Initially impressed, but after the third forum the feeling of "dejavu" was overwhelming. Let us show a united front, seemed to be the idea behind bringing the players along, let them tell the truth - I'll pass that question to Terry "Yea you're right boss" Evans - sorry "opinion" you should have been big enough to have stood up yourself and just ONCE admitted that you got it wrong.

What am I writing? What am I saying? This article was supposed to have been about a few days in football, and the little things that make it such an interesting and frustrating game.

I had made the conscious decision to sit in the new stand for the Rotherham game, so off I went to "Wanderers in Town" to get my ticket. Quite simple? Wrong, the computer broke down when I eventually got to the front of the queue. Can you come back later I was asked. I was going to watch Hayes versus Grays in the FA Cup, and fearing crowd congestion did not want to be delayed, but yes I went back and got my ticket.

Saturday 28.9.96, I'm at Hayes in the queue for a half-time coffee, when "matey" with the radio announces, Peterborough 3 Wycombe 3 at half-time. It's a funny old game how a team that hasn't scored three goals in months suddenly scores three before half-time. Anyway, sadly we are all aware of the final result.

Saturday evening down "The Pheasant"..... downcast faces, deep gloom and depression amongst the locals, a decision was made. Let us all go on Tuesday night and have a "boo-in". What a wonderful idea!!! Although it was pointed out that Mr Parry (The Headmaster) and "The Opinion" did not approve of that sort of behaviour, we had to make our protests heard.

Monday, what is this? Gazumped by the Board, Mr Beeks you have done this club a great service, but you have taken away the chance for us to "boo". Loyal supporters have been seen in the streets with cupped hands placed around their mouths, but Mr Beeks sacked "The Opinion" before he underwent his final public booing.

Never mind, let us look forward to the game against Rotherham. So, off I went up the stairs to the new stand, spotted some people with a beer, "Where's the bar mate?", "Oh, you won't get a drink, they've run out of gas", not the best start to the evening. Further surprises were in store when the game started, the "hoof" was noticeably absent in the first fifteen minutes, however, we still managed to go 2-0 down, then "Glory be" a goal by Matthew

(a positive legacy left behind by "The Opinion") and we were back in the game.

By the way, my bet of 2-0 Wycombe and Jesus to score was down the pan, I would have had more chance backing Dettori to go through the card at Ascot than Wycombe enjoying a half-time lead.

Oh well, let's try the coffee "Coffee please love", well I got a Bovril instead. Was I a victim of my own accent or a much wider issue of Wanderers doing their bit for participants of the Care in the Community programme?

So, back to the game, the age of miracles is not over, Steve (I've never scored in open play) McGavin grabbing two goals, but even more unusual Miguel "never sweat" Desouza, actually seen competing for the ball. Good result, a game that seemed beyond us at half-time, gloriously won.

Well done Blues, keep those smiles on your faces, we know you haven't had a lot to smile about lately. Strangely enough, if you are enjoying yourselves you are more likely to perform well.

Anyway, what we can all now say is "COURAGE MES AMIS, LE DIABLE EST MORT".

This article is only an "opinion".

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