

This farce just sums up our bad luck

VIEW FROM THE STAND

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WHEN you are down on your luck and trying to get yourself back on your feet, football (like life) has a nasty habit of kicking you in the teeth.

In recent weeks we have been beaten at home by Walsall and Bradford. Each match was played on a frozen surface and we lost both games 2-0. Suddenly on Saturday, we were leading 2-0 on a frozen pitch but this time the referee stopped the game.

Lady luck and the Football League certainly dealt us a cruel blow by assigning Frazer Stretton as our match official.

Despite the views of both managers that the game should not have gone ahead, the referee decided he knew best and insisted the match must be played.

You didn't need a degree in meteorology or an FA coaching badge to realise that football was going to be almost impossible on the frozen surface.

However, having ignored the opinions of anyone else Frazer Stretton should have followed Magnus Magnusson's maxim "I've started so I'll finish".

Having listened to the comments from Barry Fry I cannot argue with any of them. Even if his team did exaggerate their problems of staying on their feet, I've no doubt Blues players would have done the same if the situation had been reversed.

Our argument should not be with Barry Fry or the Peterborough players but with a referee who totally misread the conditions, and having made an unpopular decision didn't have the courage to see it through to the finish.