

Arsenal striker is small change compared to £1.9 million Kavanagh

I FIND it very hard to give any form of praise or thanks to Arsenal. However, I have to admit that the Gunners seem to have done an excellent job in coaching Paul Read, and letting us buy him at what appears to be a bargain price.

So after all these years of insulting boring Arsenal, and annoying misguided friends who support them, I finally have to accept something good has come out of Highbury.

Not only did Paul Read score a priceless double on Saturday, his opening goal helped me take a few pounds off Ladbrokes. Several punters had a much more profitable day with a 60-1 combination bet on Paul scoring the first goal and Wycombe winning 3-1. Well

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done lads.

John Gregory and Richard Hill must have been delighted with their new signings. As well as Paul Read and Michael Forsyth getting their first goals for the club, Jason

Kavanagh and Michael Simpson both had good games.

On checking the players in the Daily Telegraph Fantasy Football League, I see Jason Kavanagh is still listed as a Derby player and valued at £1.9 million. I'm sure the club would be delighted to sell Jason, or any other player, for that sort of figure – is there any Fantasy Managers ready with their cheque books?

It was good to see Steve Thompson getting his share of cup glory with Woking at the weekend. He and Terry Howard will, no doubt, be on the box again for the replay.

Another old boy, Simon Garner, was at the sportsman's dinner on Monday evening.

Luckily there was no porridge on the menu!

Despite an excellent speech by Frank McLintock and a very funny comedian, Alan Parry was the star performer. He got the loudest applause of the evening when he described how much he detested Manchester United whilst auctioning a collection of their club ties. If there were any United spies in the audience I can't see Alan being very welcome at Old Trafford for their next Sky TV match.

His outburst was almost as enjoyable as someone having a real go at lucky and boring Arsenal. Strangely enough, Alan completely forgot to share his views on Sunday's Chelsea v Liverpool match – I wonder why?