

Unfair digs at Mr Smith

WITH the football season now at an end, does that mean the merciless criticism of Wycombe Wanderers' previous manager, Alan Smith, by your so-called football reporters, Neil Peters and Andy Dickinson, has ceased also?

As a smug Watford' supporter (their words not mine) I've found the constant goading of Mr Smith by your newspaper, to be unjust and unfair.

Surely the blame for Wycombe's poor start to the last football season was down to the board of directors for appointing Mr Smith in the first place.

They should have known they would be in for some good old up and at 'em, blood and thunder-type football, a total contrast to the niceties of the game, experienced under Martin O'Neill.

No wonder the Wycombe fans didn't take too kindly to Mr Smith.

Let's be fair though! Whoever took over from Martin O'Neill was always going to have a hard act to follow.

There was always going to be a levelling off period in the Wycombe success story and this was it.

I think the board realised the error of their ways and, inevitably, parted company with Mr Smith, sooner rather than later.

Alan Smith was probably at the wrong football club for his brand of football, and was never given the time he wanted to see the job through.

So come on lads. Give the guy a break.

After all, little damage was done in the end.

I believe Wycombe now have an excellent coach in John Gregory, and hopefully will progress under his reign.

That said, I was fortunate, or should I say unfortunate, to witness both games between our respective clubs this season, and if I was honest, I would have to admit that Wycombe were unlucky in both encounters.

However, in our first meeting at Vicarage Road, Wycombe seemed to be content with a 0-0 draw and got punished for those tactics.

The return game at Wycombe saw us totally outplayed by an impressive home side, and if it was not for a first class goalkeeping display by our own Kevin Miller, we would have suffered a severe beating.

Wycombe fans may be interested to know, that Kevin won Watford's performance of the season award for this match.

Finally, I've found Neil Peters' and Andy Dickinson's reports during the season to be biased inevitably in Wycombe's favour, and, in the main, critical of most opposition.

There are other teams in this division and not all those are bad, so a little more honesty in the reports would not go amiss.

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