

Ref really is a banker

A VIEW FROM THE STAND

By Ron Barnett

WHAT a difference three days makes.

Before Saturday we were 16th and without a win in six. Just 180 minutes later and we've scored five, gained six points and shot up to ninth.

Wins for Wycombe can be like buses. You have to wait but, when they come, you often get two (or hopefully three or four) together.

Mark Stallard's hat-trick against Walsall took him into double figures and he is now the division's leading scorer with ten goals from 13 games.

The last Wycombe hat-trick was Miquel Desouza's treble against Bradford in March 1996. That season, Migs also scored three in the away fixture at Bradford. What odds on Mark repeating the feat at Walsall next May?

With Ladbrokes offering generous odds of 50-1 for a 4-2 Wycombe win, I'm sure several fans made a killing on the night. Unfortunately, I didn't and my carefully planned bets soon disappeared along with my tenner!

Nobody could complain about the entertainment. Especially me, as I was close to the dug-out watching John Gregory losing his patience, his temper and finally his voice.

No wonder John gets into trouble with officials when he has to endure referees like Mr Crick (could that be rhyming slang?) Mind you, according to the programme, he really was a Banker!