

Taking the game to task

AN INDEPENDENT VIEW

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AS you will know the government has established the Football Task Force, to investigate and recommend changes affecting the supporter, such as ticket prices and supporters involvement in the running of clubs.

The appointment of Tony Banks and David Mellor should ensure that the force's voice is heard. Whatever you may think of Mr Mellor's politics or the team he supports, you only have to hear his radio show to appreciate that he is on the side of the fan, and isn't afraid to say what he thinks.

Although the task force is a government initiative, fans will have a representative from the Football Supporters Association on the committee. As members of the FSA, WWISC will be kept up to date with the Task Force, and we plan to attend one of the forums to put forward ideas, evidence and arguments, which will be passed onto the task force.

Following the Bristol Rovers game, concerns have been expressed about away fans being in the home terrace, not only by WWISC but also by police. In the past WWISC has contacted the club about their treatment of away fans, for example the pricing structure and the pointless seating of the away terrace. Maybe now other organisations are expressing their concerns some changes may be forthcoming. I hope the club discusses this issue with supporters and other involved parties, and does not make decisions without consultation.

HOW THEY STAND

Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Ps	
Watford	14	5	1	1	11	5	5	1	1	12	5	32	
North'ton	14	5	1	1	9	5	2	4	1	7	4	26	
Gillingham	14	5	2	0	11	5	2	1	4	9	10	24	
Millwall	12	4	1	1	13	7	3	1	2	5	4	23	
Oldham	14	5	2	0	16	8	0	4	3	7	12	21	
York	14	5	0	2	13	8	1	3	3	7	11	21	
Bristol C	13	5	1	1	13	5	1	2	3	5	7	21	
Bournm'th	14	3	3	1	7	4	2	3	2	9	8	21	
Blackpool	14	4	2	1	14	10	2	0	5	8	13	20	
Bristol R	14	3	1	3	9	9	2	4	1	9	8	20	
Chest'field	14	4	1	1	11	7	7	1	3	3	4	7	20
Wycombe	14	4	2	1	12	7	1	2	4	10	14	19	
Preston	14	4	1	2	8	4	1	3	3	6	7	19	
Wigan	14	4	2	1	16	11	1	1	5	5	11	18	
Wrexham	13	3	2	1	11	7	2	1	4	8	10	18	
Fulham	14	4	2	1	8	4	1	1	5	5	10	18	
Grimsby	14	2	3	2	4	4	2	2	3	8	11	17	
Luton	14	3	1	3	9	12	1	3	3	3	7	16	
Walsall	14	4	2	1	12	5	0	1	6	5	16	15	
Brentford	14	4	2	1	13	6	0	1	6	4	16	15	
Southend	14	3	3	1	7	5	1	0	6	7	19	15	
Carlisle	14	2	1	4	5	10	1	1	5	12	17	11	
Burnley	14	1	6	0	8	6	0	2	5	4	10	11	
Plymouth	14	1	4	2	9	10	0	3	4	5	12	10	