
Read and Scott see Blues home

A GOAL in each half from Keith Scott and Paul Read saw Wanderers comfortably beat Milton Keynes 2-0 in the second qualifying round of the Berks and Bucks Senior Cup at Adams Park on Wednesday.

Scott limped off at half time with an ankle injury which is not too serious and assistant manager Richard Hill, who played in the game, was booked.

Wanderers had to go through the ignominy of playing in the qualifying round because of their poor previous record in the competition

Record arrives at a bad time

A VIEW FROM THE STAND

By Ron Barnett

OUR fourth consecutive home draw on Saturday chalked up our 200th league game.

Unfortunately, we have reached this landmark while suffering one of our least successful spells.

The 0-0 draw at Grimsby on Tuesday makes it ten since we last won and we'll now have to wait until we entertain Oldham to get that elusive victory – or maybe even longer.

Looking back on our first 200 league games, we've at least kept ahead of the game. The record reads 75 wins; 60 draws and 65 defeats with 269 goals for and 247 against. Unfortunately, these statistics are boosted by our good performances during our first few years in the league.

At present, we look a very average side in a pretty mediocre division. Most of the clubs don't appear to be any better than us and if we could get our act together we may still get a place in the play-offs. On the other hand, we could equally find ourselves fighting another relegation battle.

Poor old John Gregory keeps shuffling his pack hoping to find a winning hand but it seems he's got too few really good cards. Thank heavens he holds a real ace in Mark Stallard.

And as if life isn't bad enough for John, he got the dreaded vote of confidence from Ivor Beeks last week.

Despite Mark Stallard's superb strike rate, our front men are continually starved of decent service. The midfield seem to prefer the company of our three centre backs while our two wingbacks appear to suffer from travel sickness when they cross the halfway line. The quantity of their crosses wouldn't disturb Dracula.

Still, as Alan Parry told us in last week's programme, we must cheer up and be patient as there are many clubs worse off than us. Strangely enough, during half-time at Basingstoke, my better half said "Cheer up things could be worse". So, I cheered up and sure enough things did get worse.