

Critics should lay off Gregory

I AM astonished at the number of critics writing to your newspaper regarding the manager of Wycombe Wanderers. Although I believe most critics are men who know the way, but can't drive the car, some words of enlightenment are needed.

I am not going to suggest that ichor flows through the veins of John Gregory but in football parlance he certainly knows the game.

From the moment he made his debut at Northampton at 18-years-old, he has proved himself the footballer's footballer.

Promotion at Northampton was followed by many seasons in the top division with Aston Villa and Brighton.

His spell at QPR featured an FA Cup final and promotion. In that season, from midfield, he scored 15 league goals, a measure of his perception of all matters of football.

Terry Venables described him as "the best uncapped midfielder in the country," this was rectified in 1983 when he played six times for England.

While at QPR he earned the sobriquet Socrates after the superb Brazilian. His next port of call was Derby, where promotion was gained in successive seasons. Surely the man has proved himself a winner. His coaching ability has been widely appreciated in the Premiership, ask Brian Little.

I believe Wycombe Wanderers are extremely fortunate to have such a man at the helm. To his critics I would like to quote the other Socrates "I know nothing except the fact of my ignorance."

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