

Can we quote you on that?

The BFP looks back on Wycombe Wanderers' year, and we've taken it straight from the horse's mouth

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WANDERERS have been through the full range of emotions in 1997, from the joy of the staying-up party at Stockport to the humiliation of going out of the FA Cup to non league minnows Basingstoke.

Here's a guide to a few of the things that were said in the heat of the moment during an eventful year at Adams Park.

Chairman **Ivor Beeks** after Wanderers were knocked out of the FA Cup by non-league Basingstoke: "Players have got to look at themselves and ask if they've performed to the best of their abilities because I think there's a number of them who haven't on certain occasions."

"These people have a reasonable

life here and I don't think we're asking too much for maximum effort on Saturdays."

Steve McGavin, reacting to the same defeat: "It's a very sad day for us to think that we're not capable of beating them."

"We've let the supporters and the club down. We played a bunch of part-timers and we weren't capable of beating them, that's the long and short of it."

Richard Hill, after playing for Leicester against Wycombe in Dave Carroll's testimonial: "I was overwhelmed by it. I got changed next to the Coca-Cola Cup and then to play alongside the players I support was something else."

FA spokesman Steve Double after John Gregory was fined £500 for

clashing with referee Steve Bennett at the Preston game: "The fine reflects the severity of his misconduct and his previous record. He was severely censured. We don't want to see him again and I doubt very much that he wants to see us again."

John Gregory on the same topic: "I've seen rapists get less than what I've been fined."

Wigan chairman Dave Whelan predicted after his side thrashed Blues 5-2 on the opening day: "Wycombe played excellent football. I think they'll finish in the top six."

John Gregory on Steve McGavin's talent: "He could play for Liverpool and not look out of place."

Keith Scott on his return to

Adams Park: "I've not come home to be put out to grass. I've come back because I think this team has got a good chance of pushing for a play-off spot and I want to play in the first division again."

Steve Brown after taking over in goal at Chesterfield, admitted: "It's not new to me. I used to play in goal as a kid but gave it up because I got fed of picking the ball out of the net."

John Gregory after the first game against Basingstoke: "Basingstoke have had their 15 minutes of fame. I don't expect any mistakes in the replay."

Former Blues boss **Martin O'Neill**: "John Gregory will get the club promotion to the first division."

Steve Brown after a typically

competitive match: "You can't let someone come in through the back door and take food off your table."

Steve Brown in another post match summing up: "At the end of the day it's all ifs and ands, pots and pans."

Mark Stallard on joining Wanderers: "I'm a big Derby fan and as a kid I used to stand on the terraces and watch John Gregory when he was our skipper in the old first division. I used to rave about him."

Paul McCarthy after Blues lost at Gillingham at the end of last season: "God knows why the manager's still got faith in us but he has."

John Cornforth reflecting on a disappointing first term: "Last season I know I was terrible and couldn't pass water."