

I'm backing Smillie now

A VIEW FROM THE STAND

By Ron Barnett

WELL the club totally ignored my view from the stand on the appointment of our new manager.

No wonder Graham Peart said I was barking up the wrong tree.

Whatever our individual opinions on who should be leading the Blues – and there were almost as many opinions as there are fans – we've all got to get behind Neil Smillie and the team.

After all, ten points from five games can't be a bad start. Losing at the Racecourse Ground was hardly a surprise, that is the fourth time on the trot and we've only ever scored one goal there.

Trust our luck to have to visit our jinx ground just when we appeared to be on a roll.

This week's could be another tough fixture with Mickey Bell returning to Adams Park for the first time since Bristol City carried out their daylight robbery raid.

Things have not been going so well lately for City and the chasing pack are beginning to threaten their automatic promotion place. Hopefully we'll be able to send them home pointless and upset their promotion plans.

With Forsyth, McCarthy and Cousins all sidelined it looks like attack is our best form of defence.

Just as well Smillie has managed to obtain the services of Lee Holsgrove, a young Millwall defender. If he plays alongside Alan Beeton and Mo Harkin we'll start to look like one of Smillie's youth teams.

The much publicised Quarterman has made its debut, looking like a cross between a match programme and Blues News.

It was a reasonably solid performance but a bit short on style and pace. Hopefully in future appearances Quarterman will tackle a few controversial issues and show a more adventurous approach to entertain Blues' fans.

Back trouble

WYCOMBE v BRISTOL CITY

**A guide to tomorrow's
game at Adams Park**

ALL eyes will be on the defence tomorrow, both Wycombe's and Bristol's.

With former Blues defender Mickey Bell turning out for the visitors and Michael Forsyth, Paul McCarthy and Jason Cousins all out of action for Blues it's likely to be a tough. But City are without injured striker Steve Torpey.