

Hospitality blurred my Blues vision

A VIEW FROM THE STAND

By Ron Barnett

WHAT a shame Frazer Stretton didn't stop Saturday's match early – he would have won our approval this time.

I can't recall too much about the game although, I'm sure there wasn't much worth remembering anyway.

Martin Taylor did pull off a brilliant double save and Paul Read managed to strike the woodwork twice – he obviously learnt the trick of hitting bars with his old Arsenal team mates.

Luckily we had booked one of Mark Austin's hospitality packages which meant we had plenty of other entertainment to take our minds off the football.

What with tours of the ground, meeting some of the walking wounded, pre-match drinks and lunch, half time coffees and post-match drinks, drinks in the Players Bar – it's hardly surprising the game faded from the memory so quickly.

After due consideration, my vote for man of the match went to the chef who served up a very nice piece of pork with all the trimmings.

I know I'm a bit of a Judas but, for once, I didn't bet on a Wycombe win. My forecast of a half time and full time draw came up, and the tenner helped to pay for some of our drinks.

If we are going to continue as the 0-0 specialists it may be worth studying the Ladbrokes betting form. They currently offer a very generous 10-1 for a blank scoresheet as well as 10-1 for no goalscorer. What I want to know is, what odds they would offer for these two in a spread bet? After all, you can't have one without the other.

They were certainly offering some tasty odds on first goalscorer and result combinations. The best was over 600-1 for Wycombe winning 2-1 and Michael Forsyth scoring the first goal – shame Brucie is out for the rest of the season.

Now that we're finally mathematically safe let's hope the team can increase the entertainment level against Chesterfield. It would be good to finish the home season with a few goals and three more points. Come on Neil, make sure the lads send us all home with a Smillie face.

There's also the Player of the Year to look forward to. Will Rhino make it a double or will Taylor beat him to the punch?
