

Ok but could do better

VIEW FROM THE STAND

By Ron Barnett

NOW the season has finished and Neil Smillie's class have been dismissed for their summer holidays it is time for my end of term report.

Position in class: 14th

Percentage results: 43.5 per cent (60 points out of 138)

Grade: C

A slight improvement on last year's end of term results (18th; 39.9 per cent C-).

Although, Blues under-achieved again. Could do better with greater dedication and commitment.

Defence: Definitely the Blues' top subject with a total of 18 merit badges for clean sheets. Sometimes prone to lapses in concentration and a lack of communication but overall, a good performance.

Total of 53 goals conceded.

Position in class 11th.

Midfield: Has worked hard and shown plenty of effort for most of the year but, all too often lacks confidence, direction and creative ability. Will need to improve performance if they are to be among the class leaders next year.

Strikers: An erratic year with some excellent work mixed with some very disappointing performances. Need to show greater application and a higher quality of finishing if results are to improve.

Total of 51 goals scored. Position in class 19th.

External examinations: A very poor effort in both the Littlewoods and Coca-Cola Cup assignments. The disastrous failure in the Basingstoke examination was especially disappointing. This should have been a simple pass that could have had a major influence on the rest of the year's work.

The result of the Fulham project was a reasonable effort but, failure was caused by poor homework and too little effort, too late.

Form master report: Shown a high level of dedication and commitment since the departure of Mr Gregory. Appears to be working hard to improve performances under the direction of their new form master, Mr Smillie. Recent results provide some encouragement that performances will continue to improve next year.

Will need extra help from Mr Beeks and Mr Peart if they are to achieve the grade required to enter a higher level.

● Ron Barnett's bi-weekly column returns when the Blues kick off the new Division Two season in early August.