

Blues don't want quitters

BOARDROOM BANTER

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WE have reached the stage of the season when people need to stand up and be counted.

With only two points from our opening ten games it is obvious that the coming months are going to be a long, hard battle against the threat of relegation.

Clearly, that prospect will be unpalatable to some people.

In this column last week, a representative of the Independent Supporters Club wrote: "How much longer are we to tolerate this? If nothing is gained from away games at Colchester and Fulham should we resign ourselves to relegation before the end of September? What is the point of turning up?"

What a pathetic, negative attitude. There are 36 games left to play, but this gentleman wants to run up the white flag. I wouldn't want him beside me in a battle.

Fortunately, Neil Smillie and his players are made of stronger stuff. They won't be giving up by the end of September and I'm equally certain that most fans will stick with us in our hour of need. It's called being a supporter.

We are trying everything possible to improve results. There has been criticism of Neil Smillie – but the manager has been bold enough to make changes, leaving out senior players and bleeding youngsters. What more can he do?

There has been criticism of the chairman and the board of directors – but we have made available money that we don't really have to finance the arrival of new players. What more can we do?

We find ourselves in a very difficult situation, but giving up and waiting for relegation to happen is not the solution. We need fighters, not quitters.

I take my inspiration from Jason Cousins whose displays this season have epitomised what is needed to get out of trouble. Jason has rolled up his sleeves and fought for every header and every tackle.

He has taken responsibility and not shirked a thing. You won't find Jason giving up at the end of September – and you won't hear any messages of surrender from me either.

Scott's back

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**A guide to tomorrow's
Division Two clash at
Adams Park**

KEITH Scott could play a part in tomorrow's home clash against last year's Division Three champions Notts County.

He has recovered from the dislocated elbow he suffered against Millwall on August 15 and could well feature among the substitutes.

He has trained this week and was kept out of the reserves match against Chelsea in midweek because Blues did not want to risk him.

Boss Neil Smillie is hoping the Matt Lawrence deal will be done in time for him to play and Smillie is also looking for a loan.

HOW THEY STAND

Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Stoke	10	4	0	1	8	3	4	0	1	9	5	24
Preston	10	3	1	1	13	5	3	2	0	9	6	21
Fulham	10	3	2	0	9	3	3	1	1	5	3	21
Blackpool	10	4	1	0	9	3	2	1	2	6	9	20
Bournemouth	10	4	1	0	9	1	2	1	2	5	5	20
Walsall	10	2	1	2	8	8	4	0	1	6	4	19
Man City	10	3	2	0	9	3	1	3	1	5	7	17
Luton	10	3	1	1	6	2	2	1	2	5	6	17
York City	9	2	2	1	7	4	2	1	1	7	8	15
Colchester	10	2	1	2	4	4	2	2	1	8	7	15
Notts Co	10	2	1	2	6	5	2	1	2	7	6	14
Millwall	10	3	2	0	7	3	1	0	4	3	9	14
Chesh'field	10	4	0	1	5	2	0	2	3	1	6	14
Bristol R	10	3	2	0	12	5	0	2	3	2	6	13
Wrexham	10	3	1	2	9	7	0	2	2	2	7	12
Gillingham	10	2	1	2	8	5	0	4	1	5	6	11
Wigan	10	2	1	2	7	5	1	1	3	4	6	11
Burnley	10	2	2	1	6	5	0	1	4	3	8	9
North'pton	10	0	4	1	5	7	1	1	3	5	7	8
Oldham	10	1	1	3	5	7	1	1	3	4	9	8
Reading	10	1	2	0	5	2	1	0	5	4	14	8
Macc'field	10	1	1	3	2	4	1	1	3	3	7	8
Lincoln	10	1	0	4	7	1	1	0	2	3	0	7
Wycombe	10	0	1	4	2	7	0	1	4	3	10	2

Triallists help reserves see off Chelsea

WANDERERS reserves included four triallists as they beat Chelsea 3-1 in front of more than 500 fans at Adams Park on Wednesday.

Much travelled midfielder Mark Cooper was playing his second game, former Palace youngster Richard Kennedy continued his trial, and there were first appearances for Kevin Hunt and Franck Rolling.

French-born defender Rolling scored three goals in Bournemouth's run to the Auto Windscreen Shield final at Wembley last season and the 30-year-old 6ft 2in centre back/fullback has also seen service with French side FC Pau, Ayr United and Leicester. Former Gillingham player Kevin

Hunt is trying to get back into the English game after a spell in Hong Kong.

Wycombe beat Chelsea in the

See them free

YOU can see the Blues free when they take on Macclesfield on October 17, thanks to Nationwide.

The BFP have a pair of tickets for that game at Adams Park. Simply answer the following question correctly and you could win.

Q. Who scored Wycombe's only goal at Colchester last Saturday?

Send your answers to the Sports Editor, BFP, Gomm Road, High Wycombe, Bucks HP12 7DW by Tuesday, October 6.

Avon Insurance Combination League thanks to two goals from transfer-listed Michael Simpson and one from fit-again Paul Read. Chelsea couldn't manage a goal of their own and relied on Richard Kennedy's own goal for their score.

Gary Goodchild's juniors are up to third in the South East Counties League after goals from YTS boys Eddie Gray and Stuart Reeks gave them a 2-1 win at Swindon.

Goodchild said: "We're delighted to be only two points off the lead after eight matches."

The youths entertain Barnet at Molins sportsground in Monks Risborough tomorrow (ko 11am) and spectators are welcome along to cheer the boys on.