

Liverpool 1, Others 0

I HAVE followed the exchange of views, both in the BFP and the Blues programme, between Sharon Deighton and Nigel on one side and Alan Parry on the other, with great interest.

As a complete neutral, in that I have never met any of them, I declare Alan Parry the out and out winner.

It seems the specific accusations laid against him are: a) he speaks his mind like a normal supporter when in fact he is a director and a media personality and for some perceived reason this should preclude him from so doing; and b) he comes from Liverpool.

Whilst B obviously troubles all us, the men of the soil (could he not be naturalised), he wins hands down on A.

We need more supporters like him whatever they do for a living and wherever they come from (even Liverpool).

We have a great football club. The same chairman and directors that are currently being blamed for everything, even John Williams, have given us some wonderful times over the past ten years or so, a superb football stadium and, in the process, have produced two of the outstanding managers in the English Premier League.

At the present time we are struggling, but as long as it is an honest struggle, as I believe it is, then for the true football fan it has its own excitement. It's part of being a supporter.

The win against Macclesfield was all the sweeter after the disappointments of Colchester, Notts County and Gillingham.

Alan Parry put it much better than I can in his great article in the BFP on October 2, which was a rallying cry for us all and, for me, is the best definition of what it means to be a supporter I have ever read.

It should be part of every supporter's portfolio.

I'm sure Sharon and Nigel are good supporters, they wouldn't be concerned if they weren't. It's just that they are sending out the wrong message to the half-hearted and the doubters and as representatives of a supporters club they should get behind the team in public and only air their gloom in private.

Am I the only one, other than Alan Parry and Jason Cousins, ready to man the trenches?

I know I'm not, but let's hear from some of you. There's plenty of room inside but the negatives are making all the running at the present time.

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Future looks bright at Adams Park

GARY Goodchild's youth team moved up into third place in the South East Counties League with a 2-1 win over Bournemouth last Saturday.

The victory saw the club's young guns leapfrog the South Coast side on goal difference and they are now nicely tucked in behind Bristol Rovers in second and Luton Town who have built up a healthy four points cushion at the top of the table.

Wycombe's youngsters face another stiff test in their quest for the title tomorrow when they travel to face Brighton and Hove Albion.

Their next home game is against Bristol Rovers on Saturday, October 31 at Molins (ko 11am).

The date has also been fixed for Wanderers' Southern Junior Floodlit Cup Match at home to Birmingham City.

The match on November 17 will kick off at 7pm and admission is £3 adults and £1 concessions.

Gary Micklewhite's Wanderers reserve side have had a week off to reflect on their 4-0 drubbing by Crystal Palace.

They return to action with an away game against Ipswich Town on Wednesday before entertaining

Brentford at Adams Park seven days later.

Wanderers are second from bottom in their first season in the league which also includes the reserve sides of Chelsea, Arsenal, Spurs and West Ham.

Their only win so far was a 3-1 success over a Chelsea side who fielded several players with first team experience.

Meanwhile, no date has yet been fixed for the reserves' Berks and Bucks Cup first round clash against Ryman second division Chalfont St Peter which will be played at Adams Park.

HOW THEY STAND

Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Ps
Preston	14	4	2	1	17	7	4	2	1	10	7	28
Stoke	14	4	1	1	8	3	5	0	3	12	9	28
Luton	14	5	1	1	9	2	3	2	2	11	10	27
Walsall	14	4	2	2	11	9	4	0	2	7	6	26
Fulham	12	3	2	1	10	6	4	1	1	6	3	24
Bournemouth	14	4	3	0	13	5	2	2	3	7	8	23
Chest'field	14	6	0	1	10	3	0	4	3	1	6	22
Man City	14	3	3	1	11	6	2	3	2	7	9	21
Blackpool	13	4	1	2	12	8	2	1	3	6	10	20
Bristol R	14	5	3	0	14	5	0	2	4	3	9	20
York City	12	2	3	1	10	7	3	1	2	10	11	19
Wrexham	14	5	1	2	13	9	0	3	3	2	10	18
Millwall	13	3	3	1	7	4	2	0	4	6	11	18
Gillingham	14	3	2	2	13	7	0	6	1	8	9	17
Burnley	14	3	3	1	8	6	1	2	4	9	10	17
Wigan	13	3	1	3	8	6	2	1	3	7	8	17
Notts Co	14	2	1	3	8	8	2	3	3	9	11	16
Colchester	14	2	1	3	4	8	2	3	3	9	11	16
North'pton	14	1	4	1	8	8	1	2	5	6	10	12
Reading	11	2	3	0	7	3	1	0	5	4	14	12
Lincoln	14	2	0	5	10	14	1	2	4	11	11	11
Oldham	14	2	1	4	8	10	1	1	5	4	12	11
Macc'field	14	1	2	3	4	6	1	3	4	7	14	11
Wycombe	14	2	2	4	9	8	0	1	5	3	13	9