

Blues prove it is funny

AN INDEPENDENT VIEW

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IT'S a funny old game, as the saying goes, and Wanderers have proved that over the last few weeks. Off the bottom of the league and into the next round of the FA Cup.

Blues fans have certainly been feeling 'as sick as a parrot' and 'over the moon' over the last couple of months.

It is a shame all those people who descended on Adams Park for the Man City game, 8,129, could not find the time to support the team when they played four days later in the FA Cup.

They obviously haven't got what it takes to be a football supporter.

In fact, the fanatical fan is often seen as being a rather strange person. Still let's face it if you sat out in your garden in the middle of a winter's afternoon, or worse still during the hours of 7.45pm and 9.45pm during a cold winter's evening, your neighbours, family and friends would soon be picking up the phone for the men in white coats to take you away.

How many of you look at the football fixtures before you accept a social invitation, or book your holidays, but that's what being a fan is all about.

At the moment there must be a few of us out there praying for a dream draw should we get into the third round of the cup. Let's hope the team continue with their positive attitude and results, and make that come true.

Youths held

YOUTH team boss Gary Goodchild was fuming with referee Nigel Smith whose controversial penalty decision gifted Birmingham City a 2-2 draw in the Southern Junior Floodlit Cup.

Goodchild said: "The ref was the only one who saw it. Even Birmingham apologised afterwards."

It overshadowed Danny Senda's scoring return after three months out with a knee injury. The former England youth striker cancelled out Brum's second minute opener. Nathan Copeland then gave Blues the lead which they looked capable of holding until keeper Mark Osborn was judged to have felled Birmingham's striker.

On Tuesday, Blues face a FA Youth Cup tie at Brentford.

HOW THEY STAND

Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Stoke	18	6	1	1	13	5	6	0	4	14	10	37
Fulham	16	5	2	1	15	7	6	1	1	11	5	36
Walsall	18	6	2	2	17	10	5	0	3	12	13	35
Preston	17	5	2	2	22	10	4	3	1	11	8	32
Gillingham	18	6	2	2	18	8	1	6	1	10	10	29
Chest'field	16	8	0	1	16	4	0	4	3	1	6	28
Man City	18	4	3	2	13	8	3	3	3	10	10	27
Luton	16	5	1	1	9	2	3	2	4	12	14	27
Millwall	18	4	4	1	11	6	3	1	5	7	14	26
Blackpool	17	4	1	3	14	11	3	3	3	10	12	25
Bourn'th	16	4	3	0	13	5	2	3	4	11	14	24
Wigan	17	4	1	3	13	6	3	1	5	9	12	23
Reading	17	3	5	1	12	8	3	0	5	8	16	23
Bristol R	18	5	3	2	17	11	0	3	5	4	11	21
Notts Co	17	3	2	3	10	9	2	4	3	10	12	21
Wrexham	18	5	3	3	14	12	0	3	3	2	10	21
York City	17	2	4	2	11	10	3	1	5	11	20	20
Burnley	18	4	3	2	10	9	1	2	6	11	16	20
Colchester	17	3	2	3	6	9	2	3	4	10	13	20
Macc'field	18	2	2	4	6	8	2	4	4	10	15	18
North'pton	18	1	6	1	10	10	2	2	6	7	11	17
Wycombe	18	3	2	5	12	11	0	3	5	4	14	14
Oldham	18	2	2	5	8	13	1	2	6	6	15	13
Lincoln	17	2	0	6	11	16	1	2	6	5	16	11