

Writing about it is not easy, but watching it can ruin your entire weekend

IT'S time again to put pen to paper, and it does not come easy this week *writes Sharon Deighton of Wanderers Independent Supporters Club.*

Fans are told to 'get positive' and show their support for the team, but it's not that simple is it.

I guess many of the Wycombe fans who made the long journey to

Blackpool used the football as an excuse to get away for the weekend. I for one felt that the 90 minutes that we had to endure on Saturday afternoon spoilt my weekend away.

I have a message for some of the players, if you do not want to play for the Wanderers or are not prepared to show any commitment then

why don't you go? There is only so much that people can endure.

Alan Parry has been asking, what is wrong?

The poor performances are what is wrong. I am sure that many people, having bought season tickets, are not prepared to lose out and are simply going to make sure they get

their monies worth.

I previously wrote that the players should seriously question whether they should be picking up their wages, currently many of them should be hanging their heads in shame. We cannot keep hoping that other teams are going to drop points to ensure our survival in Division Two.

Well we have managed it again, another season without any FA Cup glory or the cash that goes with it.

● The next edition of the Wanderer, WWISC's magazine, will be on sale at the ground on December 28.

WWISC are running a coach to Walsall. To book call Sharon on (01494) 450622.

Rhino's big date at the Palace

BLUES were due to play a reserve game at Crystal Palace yesterday to give Keith Ryan, Steve McGavin, Michael Forsyth, Jason Kavanagh and John Cornforth match fitness before the Christmas programme.

Manager Neil Smillie moved quickly to arrange the game after Charlton and Arsenal postponed their Avon Combination matches against the Blues leaving Wanderers with no reserve games to get players fit.

Smillie said: "We arranged the Palace game so that we could try and get people back playing."

He has been most impressed with Ryan's recovery and barring

accidents he is being pencilled in for a Boxing Day return.

● Wanderers and Safeway are giving away 2,000 free children's tickets for the visit of Chesterfield on Monday, December 28. Vouchers can be collected from the checkouts at the store in Wycombe.

The promotion comes hot on the heels of the Bucks Free Press giveaway of 2,000 tickets for tomorrow's Quid-a-Kid Lincoln encounter.

Blues are also slashing admission prices for their Auto Windscreen Shield second round clash at home to Brentford on January 5 with prices at £10 adults, £8

OAPs and £4 children.

The Valley Terrace and Family stand will be closed but supporters can go into the top tier of the ServisPak Stand or stand in front of the main stand at the reduced prices.

Season ticket holders and Leagueline members can get into the match for half price providing they claim their tickets before 3pm on January 2.

● The youth team crashed out of the Southern Junior Floodlit Cup 3-1 in a replay at Birmingham City on Tuesday.

● Matt Lawrence is suspended for the visit of Chesterfield on Monday, December 28.

LETTER

Crowd answer is so obvious

Letter to Alan Parry, FOLLOWING your recent request for comments on falling attendances, I offer the following observations.

You, like myself, have been a football supporter over more years than either of us would, no doubt, care to remember. I am sure in your heart you know the answer. It's very simple. Unless there is an expectation of reasonable performances on the field then, inevitably, interest from the paying public will wane.

Displays like Plymouth at home, with so much at stake, will contribute to a further decline in attendances. Frankly, it was a disgrace and the feeling from everyone in my vicinity was that they, in no way, had value for money. I am a season ticket holder, which I'm sure makes up the vast majority of Wycombe Wanderers support at recent matches. Continue the way you are going and even these loyal supporters will desert.

Quite clearly, as in most businesses, you have to invest to accumulate. Sometimes, as we all know, that's easier said than done, but unless the club and its servants adopt a positive

approach the situation will worsen. A number of the present team appear to have little or no interest in a positive and professional approach. Where is the motivation?

The future is very much in the hands of the directors and staff – if there is no delivery on the field then I fear attendances will go into even steeper decline. How sad this would be after all the good work over many years. Get a good, interesting and exciting product on show and the crowds will improve. It's up to you and I hope it's not too long before the club delivers again.

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