

Sacking is no surprise

AN INDEPENDENT VIEW

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SO Neil Smillie has gone, it certainly wasn't any real surprise to me when I heard the news.

"I knew before the game that they were not up for it," – what kind of statement is that, particularly from a football manager regarding his team?

But that is what Smillie said after the York game. Recent results should have been the motivation they needed, but the defeat against York started the gradual move down the table. I think that statement was probably the final nail in Neil's coffin.

He never seemed to be able to motivate the team enough, he would stand watching the game with his arms crossed, showing no emotion, even the dour Alex Ferguson jumps up and down when his team scores.

Let's hope the club gets it right next time, the next manager does not have to be a 'big' name but he does need to be tried and tested.

Terry Evans was a loyal player at Adams Park, and could always motivate his team when he was playing, I wish him good luck for the next few weeks as I am sure he'll do all he can to get the right team spirit in place for the new manager.

Finally, I would like to dispel the rumours that are being circulated around Adams Park that WWISC is folding. We are not.

WWISC will remain an organisation that has the rights of the football fan as its number one objective.

HOW THEY STAND

Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Ps
Fulham	24	9	2	1	24	8	7	2	3	13	9	52
Walsall	26	9	3	2	22	13	6	2	4	15	16	50
Stoke	25	8	2	2	18	7	7	0	6	16	13	47
Preston	24	6	3	3	27	14	7	4	1	16	10	46
Gillingham	25	9	3	2	25	9	1	8	1	10	10	41
Bourm'th	23	7	3	0	21	6	4	3	6	15	18	39
Chest'field	25	10	1	2	23	9	1	5	6	5	12	39
Reading	24	6	6	2	21	12	4	1	5	10	17	37
Man City	25	5	5	2	15	9	4	5	4	13	13	37
Millwall	25	5	6	2	17	11	4	3	5	10	16	36
York City	26	4	6	3	19	17	5	1	7	15	26	34
Wigan	25	6	3	3	18	7	3	4	6	14	19	34
Luton	23	6	2	2	14	6	3	5	5	18	21	34
Blackpool	26	4	6	3	16	13	4	4	5	13	16	34
Burnley	26	5	5	3	12	12	2	3	8	18	31	29
Bristol R	24	5	5	3	23	17	1	5	5	8	12	28
Colchester	25	3	5	4	10	16	3	4	6	14	19	27
North'pton	25	2	7	2	12	12	3	3	8	12	18	25
Wrexham	25	6	3	5	15	14	0	4	7	7	23	25
Notts Co	24	4	2	6	16	17	2	4	6	10	18	24
Oldham	25	3	2	7	11	19	3	4	6	13	19	24
Wycombe	26	5	2	7	18	15	0	6	6	7	19	23
Macc'field	25	2	4	5	9	12	2	5	7	10	19	21
Lincoln	25	3	2	6	16	19	1	3	9	9	25	20