

Maybe I should have stayed in bed after all!

VIEW FROM THE STAND

By Ron Barnett

OXFORD United – what a game for the Wanderers to give one of their most lack-lustre performances of the season.

Things started so brightly when we dominated the first 20 minutes, but the vital first goal didn't come and the players, and even the fans, gradually seemed to slip into a deep slumber.

I only hope the bride and groom who held their wedding reception at the match managed to generate more passion than this tepid local derby created.

Mind you, I'm probably not the best person to look back on the game because I was having one of those days when all the omens were positively negative.

It kicked off when we woke up to a power cut - no lights, no heating, no hot water and no way of cooking breakfast.

We decided to get out of powerless Oxfordshire and do some shopping in Wycombe.

But, just my luck, my wife then fell in love with a very expensive dining room suite and I am now under intense pressure to buy it.

On the way to the ground I could not work up any enthusiasm to have my normal bets on the match. Was this my subconscious telling me to prepare for the worst from Wanderers?

After queuing in the Woodlands bar for a much needed hot meal, we were told they had run out of the 'dish of the day' - and it was only 1.20pm. Not a good sign.

Somebody then told me to "Cheer up things could be worse" which is always worrying.

Unfortunately, I did cheer up and sure enough things did get worse. We lost to my local team and I've been getting stick ever since!

Off the pitch, it appears there is plenty of initial support for the proposed change in the club constitution, although, I'm sure there will be a hard core of die-hard members who will try to resist this move to bring in much needed cash.

One positive way to allay fears and get fans behind the change would be to give the members a voice in the new set up.

Two or three members could be elected each season to portray the fans' views and feelings to the Wycombe board. This type of supporters representation is already happening at other progressive clubs such as Charlton.

Well it's on to Griffin Park tomorrow to face the only team we have beaten this season who are above us in the division.

Hopefully, we can also make it our second double of the campaign.

● See next week's Bucks Free Press for Blues' midfielder Steve Brown's exclusive Park Life column.

HOW THEY STAND

Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
Preston	29	10	2	2	25	14	8	6	1	28	11	62
Bristol R	30	10	4	1	22	9	8	2	5	25	15	60
Wigan	29	10	3	2	25	9	5	9	0	24	15	57
Burnley	29	12	1	1	29	9	3	8	4	12	15	54
Millwall	31	9	5	1	23	11	6	4	6	21	22	54
Stoke	31	7	6	3	21	15	7	3	5	21	16	51
Gillingham	28	9	2	3	29	15	5	5	4	21	19	49
Notts Co	30	7	3	5	23	17	7	4	4	20	14	49
Brentford	31	8	3	4	23	18	4	5	7	17	23	44
Luton	31	9	4	2	31	19	3	3	10	12	24	43
Bristol C	30	4	11	0	18	8	5	3	7	18	24	41
Wycombe	30	7	3	5	22	19	3	6	6	16	19	39
Bour'm'th	31	8	4	4	27	14	3	2	10	15	32	39
Bury	28	6	6	3	27	23	3	5	5	15	13	38
Oldham	30	6	3	6	19	16	4	4	7	13	20	37
Colchester	31	6	3	6	24	28	4	4	8	16	30	37
Reading	30	5	8	3	18	14	2	3	9	19	34	32
Wrexham	30	4	5	5	15	17	3	5	8	15	28	31
Scunthrppe	30	4	3	8	11	21	3	6	6	17	25	30
Oxford	30	3	4	8	13	24	4	3	8	12	22	28
Cardiff	30	3	8	4	15	20	2	4	9	13	21	27
Blackpool	31	2	6	8	17	28	3	4	8	15	24	25
Chesterfld	30	3	5	7	9	13	1	5	9	8	22	22
Camb Utd	28	4	5	5	23	22	0	4	10	10	21	21