

Let's hope the Sean scouts didn't stay

VIEW FROM THE STAND

By Ron Barnett

LET'S hope that any club scouts who came to take a look at Sean Devine last Saturday left disappointed before the 40-minute mark.

Up until then, the Wanderers hot-shot striker looked more like Sad Decline than Deadly Devine.

Until he toe-poked his first goal for six matches, poor old Sean couldn't put a boot right.

Mind you he wasn't alone, most of the team were struggling to make any impression against a useful looking Bury side.

However, once we got in front all the confidence seemed to come back and Sean suddenly looked a class act again.

One piece of skill, in the second half, when he instantly brought a high dropping ball under control was as neat as you would see by any of the top Premiership stars.

If any scouts did stay on to see Sean's hat-trick, their report could well lead to the Big Chief receiving some bids as we approach the transfer deadline. At least being joint top scorer in Division Two will have put a few more thousand on his value.

Apparently, Lawrie Sanchez now wants Sean to aim for 30 goals this season, he already has 21 in the league and cup. To help raise some cash for the club, fans could pledge a fiver if Sean reaches this target.

My five quid is already on the table, if we can get a thousand fans to sign up we will have raised a useful five grand. Over to you Mark Austin, how about putting pledge forms in the bars at the next home game?

Top marks to Mo Harkin for his quick thinking with the free kick that laid on our third goal. Though I'm not so sure the referee will be so pleased with himself when he sees where it was taken from.

A few weeks ago, I made a tongue in cheek remark in this column suggesting Sam Hammam could invest in the Wanderers. Well, now he has finally sold all his interests in Wimbledon and is currently being courted by a number of clubs.

Apparently, he was a guest at Loftus Road the other evening to see Queens Park Rangers play Fulham. I think we can safely assume that Fulham are not looking for another benefactor but, Gerry Francis could certainly do with some more cash. It is also alleged that Tottenham and Crystal Palace are interested in talking to him.

How about inviting good old Uncle Sam down to Adams Park to meet up with a couple of his Crazy Gang pals.

I'm sure those old Wimbledon boys Lawrie Sanchez and Terry Gibson could sweet talk their old boss into investing a few bob in the Wanderers.

HOW THEY STAND

Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
Bristol R	32	10	4	1	22	9	10	2	5	33	17	66
Preston	31	10	3	3	26	17	8	6	1	28	11	63
Millwall	33	10	5	1	26	12	7	4	6	23	22	60
Wigan	31	10	3	3	26	11	5	10	0	24	15	58
Burnley	31	12	2	1	29	9	4	8	4	14	16	58
Stoke	33	7	6	3	21	15	8	3	6	23	18	54
Notts Co	33	8	3	6	27	21	7	5	4	22	16	53
Gillingham	29	9	2	3	29	15	6	5	4	23	19	52
Brentford	33	8	4	4	23	18	5	5	7	19	24	48
Bristol C	33	5	12	0	22	11	5	4	7	18	24	46
Wycombe	32	8	3	5	25	19	3	7	6	16	19	43
Luton	33	9	4	4	33	25	3	3	10	12	24	43
Bour'm'th	33	9	4	4	29	14	3	2	11	16	35	42
Oldham	32	6	3	7	20	20	5	4	7	16	20	40
Colchester	33	7	3	7	26	30	4	4	8	16	30	40
Bury	31	6	6	4	27	25	3	6	6	16	17	39
Wrexham	32	4	5	6	15	20	4	5	8	19	29	34
Reading	32	5	8	3	18	14	2	4	10	21	38	33
Scunthrpe	32	4	4	8	13	23	3	6	7	18	27	31
Oxford	32	4	4	9	16	29	4	3	8	12	22	31
Cardiff	32	3	9	4	15	20	2	4	10	14	23	28
Blackpool	33	2	6	8	17	28	4	4	9	17	26	28
Camb Utd	32	4	5	7	23	26	2	4	10	15	23	27
Chesterfd	32	4	5	7	11	13	1	5	10	9	24	25