

We must make a stand on football deaths

PARK LIFE

By Steve Brown

IT'S been a really sad week for football with the deaths of two Leeds United fans in Turkey on Wednesday evening and I think FIFA must make a big stand on this.

English clubs were banned from Europe and now it is FIFA's responsibility to take similar action with the Turks now.

Fortunately, in this country, we've moved on from those dark days of hooliganism and these kind of problems must be stamped out because we've got two families who have lost their sons just because they went to watch a football match. I think it is sick and we should have a minute's silence before our match at Chesterfield tomorrow.

Talking of that match at Chesterfield reminds me of how glad I am that we are not in their position, at the bottom of the table, this year.

But having said that, I hope we can do our bit to help push them down. I've got nothing against them but we do need to develop that killer instinct and make teams suffer and we haven't really done that this season.

We didn't do it against Oxford City and I know we don't kill off teams like the gaffer wants us to when we go one or two goals up.

Maybe that's something I will have to think about instilling if I ever do go into management or something like that when I finish playing.

Management, maybe at a non-league level, certainly appeals to me. I think I've got some things to offer.

I've played under, and learned off, some good managers and I'd take lots from some and not so much of others.

But I'm keeping my options open about what to do when my playing career does come to an end. I've been spending two nights a week at college doing a B tech course in computer studies and before that I did a photography course to add to my cv.

The Professional Footballers Association help pay towards the course, which is great, because it is easy to play the game and then finish with nothing to fall back on.

If next season does turn out to be my last I want to go out on a high note. I'm looking forward to the summer and coming back next year with a clear head. My baby boy has had some serious health problems and hopefully we're over the worst of that now. I'm looking forward to a good summer and coming back raring to go.

I'm not going away this year because of Maxwell but I'll be spending some time on the weights so I'm ready for it when we come back.

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HOW THEY STAND

Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
Preston	39	13	3	4	33	21	10	7	2	32	12	79
Wigan	38	13	3	3	34	12	7	12	0	30	17	75
Bristol R	39	12	6	1	30	14	10	3	7	33	22	75
Millwall	40	12	6	2	35	16	8	6	6	27	24	72