

Goal is one to watch again

PARK LIFE

By Steve Brown

I MUST admit I've been sat in front of the video a bit this week watching my goal against Colchester.

I don't score enough goals but that was certainly one for my collection and I've got to go back a long way to remember scoring one like that.

Strangely, I changed my boots at half time and put on the ones I've been wearing in training and it certainly worked for me. I've now bought myself another pair of those boots just in case they discontinue the line.

Funnily enough in the seven aside in training on Friday I'd hit a screamer past Mark Westhead who was having a bit of a bad day, but he came up to me on Saturday and said he felt a lot better now that I'd done it to the Colchester keeper as well.

I was delighted with the strike and particularly pleased it was against Colchester because I know how important that match is to the supporters.

They've had to wait a long time for some success against them but it was worth the wait. They were well and truly hammered.

I've never heard noise like it when my goal went in. It was fantastic and I thought if only it was as loud every week.

It's a shame the match wasn't this weekend. It would have been great to have beaten them in front of a big Bank Holiday crowd.

Talking of the crowd, there is a small section who seem to enjoy booing former Wycombe players when they return to Adams Park.

Mickey Bell got it when he returned with Bristol City a couple of weeks ago and Steve McGavin got it on Saturday with Colchester.

I know supporters pay their money and take their choice, but it's something I've never quite understood and I don't see the need for it.

I get booed when I play at Northampton and it lifts me even more.

I'm sure some fans will be planning to give Mark Stallard some stick when he returns with Notts County this afternoon. I'd ask them not to.

Give him some warm applause, make him feel comfortable, don't spur him on by booing him. That will only make him more determined to try and score against us.

Talking of former players it was great to have two playing against each other at Wembley in the Auto Windscreen Shield Final last Sunday with Mickey Bell's Bristol losing to Nicky Mohan's Stoke.

It's been quite a season for Wycombe old boys at Wembley with those two playing there, and ex-managers Martin O'Neill and John Gregory getting there in the finals of the Worthington Cup and the FA Cup.

HOW THEY STAND

Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
Preston	42	13	4	4	33	21	12	7	2	35	12	86
Wigan	42	14	3	4	36	13	7	12	2	32	21	78
Millwall	42	13	6	2	38	16	9	6	6	30	25	78
Bristol R	42	12	6	3	30	17	10	4	7	34	23	76
Burnley	41	14	3	3	36	17	7	10	4	22	21	76
Gillingham	40	13	3	4	38	20	8	6	6	28	24	72
Stoke	41	10	7	3	31	17	9	6	6	29	23	70
Notts Co	42	9	5	7	30	24	9	5	7	28	24	64
Bristol C	41	7	13	1	29	14	6	5	9	22	33	57
Luton	41	10	5	5	38	31	6	3	12	19	28	56
Wycombe	42	10	4	7	30	23	4	9	8	21	26	55
Oldham	41	8	4	8	24	23	7	6	8	21	26	55
Reading	42	8	9	4	25	17	6	4	11	28	43	55
Bour'm'th	42	11	4	6	34	16	5	2	14	20	40	54
Brentford	42	8	5	8	25	28	5	6	10	19	27	50
Wrexham	42	7	6	8	21	24	6	5	10	25	37	50
Bury	41	7	9	5	34	30	4	7	9	19	26	49
Colchester	42	8	4	9	30	35	5	5	11	23	41	48
Camb Utd	42	7	6	8	35	31	4	6	11	25	27	45
Oxford	42	5	4	12	21	37	6	3	12	17	32	40
Scunthorpe	42	4	6	11	15	30	5	6	10	24	37	39
Cardiff	41	4	10	7	22	32	3	7	10	18	26	38
Blackpool	42	3	9	9	22	34	4	6	11	20	36	36
Chesterfield	41	4	7	10	15	21	1	6	13	12	34	28

Stallard returns with Notts

MARK Stallard returns to Adams Park today for the first time since his transfer to Notts County aiming to stick one past his old mate Martin Taylor in the Wanderers goal.

Stallard missed County's 2-1 win at Meadow Lane through injury earlier in the season and had a shot saved by Taylor in County's 1-0 win over Wanderers at the end of last season.

He said: "I'm hoping it will be bird time lucky. I'm expecting a bit of stick off the fans but I'm looking forward to coming back. I enjoyed my time at Wycombe. I'll be determined to score against them and

they'll be determined to stop me."

Wanderers have doubts over Keith Ryan and Steve Brown but Alan Beeton is fit to rejoin the squad and Jermaine McSparran could find himself partnering Sean Devine.

Andy Baird's calf strain will keep him out over Easter but the club are optimistic that he might play again this season.

The same can't be said of Paul Emblen who suffered another knock on his broken ankle during his comeback game in the reserves at Ipswich and isn't expected to feature again this season.

Carroll and Simpson banned

BLUES travel to Reading on Monday for the Berks/Bucks derby without suspended midfielders Dave Carroll and Michael Simpson.

Carroll is serving the first of a two-match ban following his sending off for foul and abusive language at Chesterfield, while Simpson misses the one game for totting up too many bookings.

Youth team pocket dynamo Martyn Lee is on standby to make his first start in the first team since his league debut at Chesterfield 14 months ago and there could also be rare starting places for Matt Brady and Mo Harkin.

Boss Lawrie Sanchez has already won the pre-match battle against his old club. Sanchez brought forward Blues' Easter Saturday game against Notts to today to give his players extra rest before the trip to the Madejski Stadium while Reading are at Wigan tomorrow.

Wycombe old boy Keith Scott is expected to be on the bench as the Royals plan to introduce a couple of Academy youngsters.

Blues beat Reading 5-3 in the league but Reading came from 2-0 down to win 4-2 and knock Blues out of the Berks and Bucks Cup semi-final ten days ago.