

Here's one for a Question of Sport lads

VIEW FROM THE STAND

By Ron Barnett

HERE'S a football conundrum. How do you score two goals without the opposing side touching the ball?

The answer was cleverly supplied by Jamie Bates and Jock McSparran in just nine seconds last Saturday.

Could their two goal cameo crop up as a 'what happens next?' puzzled on A Question of Sport?

Apparently, Blues boss Lawrie Sanchez missed the second goal as he was still in the changing room.

Worse still, I reckon there must have been a number of Wanderers fans who missed both goals.

These are the ones that always leave early for their half time cuppa and then spend too long queuing or chatting and don't get back in time for the kick-off. Hands up those who got caught out by our double quick, double strike.

The result was another three well-earned points in the bag and the end of our three match losing streak.

We're now sitting pretty in fifth place, a position we could certainly have settled for at the start of the season, especially as we are still without the services of three of our most influential players in Keith Ryan, Sean Devine and Dave Carroll.

Nice to hear Mark Rogers selection for the Canadian squad being greeted with a few verses of Pythons "I'm a Lumberjack". It makes a nice change to hear a new comical and topical song from the fans. Keep working on the original material lads.

Once again, unsung hero Chris Vinicombe had an excellent match. He rarely seems to get mentioned in dispatches although, I believe, he is probably our most consistent player and most reliable defender. Like all our defence, he has also been ever present this season.

Two of our fiercest rivals are certainly experiencing different fortunes recently.

First, that Colchester rabble have hit the jackpot with the sale of Lua-Lua to Newcastle for £2.25 million.

I would normally be delighted for any small club getting such a major cash windfall but, I'm afraid this is the exception. The only silver lining is that they must surely spend some of their ill gotten gains on improving facilities for visiting fans.

Meanwhile, my local club Oxford are stranded at the bottom of the table and are leaking goals at an alarming rate. They are also severely strapped for cash.

Whilst I take great enjoyment in winding up my neighbours on the plight of United, I really don't want to see them relegated. After all, it's an easy six points for us!