

Away days are proving a problem

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VIEW FROM THE STAND

WELL we're over a month into the new season and we still have a 100 per cent home record – in the league anyway!

Unfortunately, we've yet to win away. Just one point from our travels is scant reward for the team's efforts.

Although Cardiff and Huddersfield were very impressive and look likely to finish in or around the play-off places, we could easily have shared the spoils with both of them. And it was only our dreadful start at Blackpool that prevented us from taking all three points.

With a little luck we could, and probably should, have nine points in the bag by now, instead of seven. Mind you, we did ride our luck with a late, late winner against QPR. However, considering we are still short of a central defender and a proven goalscorer things are going pretty well.

If we want to keep our place amongst the front runners we definitely need to beat Chesterfield on Saturday.

They have yet to record a victory this season and are currently one of the bottom teams with just two points from two away draws.

It's good to see the Big Chief is stepping up his search for a new striker. The return of Sean Devine, in anything like his old form and fitness, could still be a long way off. Waiting and hoping for him to solve our goalscoring problems could leave us with too much ground to make up on the top sides.

It doesn't matter whether we sign someone from Division One, Two or Three, or even a Conference club - as long as they can hit the back of the net rather than the back of the stand.

With Dwight Yorke and Robbie Fowler both out of favour with their managers, maybe Lawrie should consider giving Alex Ferguson or Gerard Houllier a call. I'm sure we could find a place in the team for Dwight or Robbie, or better still both of them.

Chris Marsh certainly didn't last long at Adams Park. He always looked like a case of buy in haste and repent at leisure. He never appeared to add anything to the squad and his salary will be much better spent on a new striker or central defender.

And thankfully the deal to sell Marsh to Northampton has gone through this week. Perhaps he could oblige and do us one last favour by helping the Cobblers to beat Colchester on Saturday.

If Colchester manage to win they could go top of the table, not a pleasant thought for any Blues fan.