

Even the ref can't ruin our run

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VIEW FROM THE STAND

DESPITE the best endeavours of Frazer Stretton, Wanderers' unbeaten league run is still intact.

In a season when Premier League referees are relegated for just one mistake it seems incredible that this hapless whistler is still on the Football League list.

By all rights, or wrongs in his case, he should by now be consigned to the lowest divisions of the football pyramid.

Blues fans who were aware of Frazer's past reputation at Adams Park gave him a vociferous welcome while he was warming-up. And true to form he managed his usual trick of alienating both sets of players and fans, not to mention the two management teams.

While we could have done with all three points to lift us into the top six, I think a draw was a fair reflection over the 90 minutes. Swindon looked a useful outfit although they were a little uncompromising in their defensive duties, especially their twin towers of Haywood and Ruddock.

Talking of tough customers, Bodger seems to have taken on a new personality.

The way he sorted out the Swindon Robin was very impressive and provided some good pre-match entertainment. Keep up the good work on the Peterborough mascot, it couldn't possibly be that 'Posh' could it?

I'm told our new virtual reality scoreboard looked very impressive. Unfortunately, like most other fans, I don't appear to have the imagination to see it. I must concentrate harder at the next home game.

Our eight league games without defeat is our longest unbeaten run since The Big Chief arrived. Amazingly it was back in 1995 during the unhappy reign of Alan Smith when we last had a longer run. I must have blocked any memories of the few good times with The Bald Eagle from my mind.

Between the end of August and late November we went an unbelievable 14 league games without a defeat. This incredible run finally ended with a 4-2 reverse at Carlisle.

That match was also memorable for being the last game Paul Hyde played for the club. He was unfortunate enough to get on the wrong side of Smith and was quickly shown the door, much to the annoyance of most Blues fans.

What a coincidence that we have now drawn Hyde's old club Hayes in the first round of the FA Cup. After our narrow golden goal defeat in the LDV Trophy, our only chance of cup glory is another semi-final appearance.

Dreams are free!