

Why bother with films, there's a wizard at Wanderers

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VIEW FROM THE STAND

WHY bother going to see Harry Potter or The Lord of the Rings if you want to watch wizards. Just come along to Adams Park and you can see a real Welsh wizard on the Wycombe Wanderers wing.

Stuart Roberts may have only played a handful of games for the Wanderers but he's already a firm favourite with the fans. He certainly terrorised the Notts County defence on Saturday and laid on two great goals for Dannie Bulman and Richard Walker.

At just £100,000 he looks like a real steal and a great investment for the future. His pace and talent for turning defenders inside out has given us the extra dimension of attacking along the flanks that we used to have when Steve Guppy was our wing wizard.

With 'Ruby' Currie performing the star role previously played by 'Jesus' Carroll, we now have one of the strongest and talented midfields in the division. The quality of our midfield was shown on Saturday when Ruby and Robbo were replaced by Jesus and Brownie.

Well Lawrie has got his wish of a Premier club in the third round, even if we were beating them in the league only a few seasons ago and their chairman is just a humble shopkeeper!

Beating Fulham at Adams Park is certainly more than a possibility, and even if we fail to make it to round four, we can at least bank a few bob and concentrate on the battle for promotion.

I just hope we don't end up with a draw. I definitely don't fancy standing out on the open terraces of Craven Cottage on a freezing January night. Been there, done that, thank-you.

According to reports in the national press and Ivor Beeks' statement, we could be involved in a complicated ground sharing merry-go-round with Fulham, QPR and Wasps. Discussions are being held on the possibility of Wasps leaving Loftus Road to play at Adams Park next season.

This would enable Fulham to share Loftus Road with QPR whilst Craven Cottage is developed into a stadium suitable for Premier Division football.

Whilst this would make sound financial sense for the Wanderers, I cannot see Jim Gardner being too happy about having 30 great grizzly rugby players charging all over his beloved pitch.

It's one thing having to replace divots after a crunching Brownie tackle, but sorting out the damage of scrums and loose mauls must be much tougher.

I notice our virtual reality electronic scoreboard has still failed to make its debut. Maybe the delay is because it's being adapted to cope with rugby scores as well.

So its back to the league on Saturday and a virtual six-pointer at Stoke.

Hopefully we can continue our good form and upset their impressive home record. After this match we will only have three of the teams in the top half of the table left to visit. This should help us improve our away record in the second half of the season.