

Love knows no bounds for Blues

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VIEW FROM THE STAND

BLUES' love affair with the Cup continues. The next steamy episode now takes place at The Cottage on Tuesday.

As Alan Hansen said on Match of the Day, nobody should bet against Lawrie Sanchez and his team pulling off a win.

Last year we drew at home to Grimsby and Wimbledon and then won the replays.

Could we be in for another night of drama and emotions like the Selhurst Park shoot-out? I hope not. I'm not sure my ticker could cope again.

Our performance on Tuesday was excellent. You would never have guessed the vast difference in the value of the two sides. Mohamed Al Fayed has given Fulham £34 million to buy players since last season while Sanchez has had one per cent of that.

The full house certainly got value for their money, even allowing for the steep increase in ticket and programme prices. Hopefully, many of these big match Charlies will come along to the bread and butter league games.

Mind you, the delayed kick-off, due to the size of the crowd, was a real warning of what could happen on a regular basis when we get into Division One. With our restricted access to Adams Park and the parking problems, there is no simple answer. There is going to have to be some radical and creative solutions over the next year or so, if attendances continue to grow at their current rate.