

All change at Wycombe but it's all a bit too late

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VIEW FROM THE STAND

THE arrivals and departures lounge at Adams Park looks like being a busy place over the next few weeks.

Already, we've seen Paul Emblen and Dave Carroll leave the club whilst Martin Lee has gone out on loan to Cheltenham. Hopefully he'll be back next season after gaining some useful play-off experience. Meanwhile, Leeyon Phelan has sneaked out through the back door and is unlikely to be seen again in a Blues shirt.

The Big Chief is no doubt planning his end of season clear out to free up some cash to pay for the re-shaping and strengthening the squad. The rebuilding process has already begun with the signing of Andy Thomson from Bristol Rovers and the loaning of Richard Harris from Crystal Palace. Unfortunately, the cavalry arrived too late to help our challenge for a top six place.

It's typical of Wanderers' luck that both these players are already on the injured list. Thomson arrived with his injury which has delayed his debut whilst Harris limped off after just half an hour on Monday. He now looks likely to miss the next couple of matches, which means The Big Chief will only have one game to make a judgement on whether to make it a permanent move.

Mind you, Harris certainly impressed when he came on as sub at Peterborough and in his cameo performance against Tranmere. He is still very raw but he is big and strong and certainly puts himself about. He reminded me a bit of Emille Heskey in his early days. His missile-like long throw is also a powerful attacking weapon and added some extra spice to the game.

The danger of a big target man is that the team continually hit long balls at him or beyond him to chase on to. This seemed to happen on Monday at the expense of our usual passing game. Consequently our midfield players, especially Darren Currie, were often by-passed and found it hard to get into the game.

Whilst it was very sad to hear that Dave Carroll has finally left the club after 14 glorious years, it seems a good move for both Dave and Aldershot. Jesus has been an absolute star in whatever position he has been asked to play for the Wanderers. If we ever get a Blues Hall of Fame, Dave will surely be one of the first names on the list.

True to form, Jesus managed to score a late equaliser in his first game for Aldershot. Like all Wanderers' fans, I wish him a long and happy career with his new club. Thanks for all the great memories Dave.

Rumour has it that the club are very close to signing a new main sponsor to replace Verco who have given Wanderers tremendous support over many years. I understand the new sponsors are an international company, with offices in High Wycombe, and that they have some very innovative ideas to help the club achieve their aim of Division One football. This could be just the sort of positive news Wanderers' fans need after recent disappointing results and the end of our play-off hopes for this year.

Congratulations to Ivor Beeks on being elected to Football League's Board of Directors. I'm sure he will be a great asset to the Board as they try to recoup as much money as possible from the ITV Digital fiasco. Hopefully Ivor will also continue to champion the cause of Conference League clubs as they battle to get a two-up two-down agreement.

HOW THEY STAND

Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
Brighton	43	17	4	1	42	16	6	10	5	22	26	83
Reading	43	12	6	4	34	18	11	6	4	31	20	81
Brentford	43	16	4	1	44	11	7	5	10	29	31	78
Stoke	43	15	4	3	42	12	7	6	8	22	25	76
Huddersfld	42	12	6	3	31	16	8	8	5	29	23	74
Cardiff	42	11	8	3	37	24	9	5	6	32	23	73
Bristol C	43	12	5	4	35	20	8	4	10	29	27	69
QPR	43	11	9	2	35	18	7	4	10	24	30	67
Oldham	43	12	6	3	44	26	4	10	8	29	36	64
Tranmere	43	10	8	3	37	16	6	6	10	23	39	62
Wycombe	43	12	5	5	36	25	4	7	10	18	33	60
Wigan	43	8	6	8	33	23	6	9	6	26	25	57
Port Vale	43	11	5	5	35	23	5	4	13	15	36	57
Swindon	42	10	6	5	25	19	4	6	11	18	34	54
Blackpool	43	7	9	6	34	30	6	5	10	26	35	53
Colchester	43	9	5	7	33	30	5	6	11	27	42	53
Peterboro	43	10	5	6	44	24	4	4	14	16	31	51
Chesterfld	43	8	3	10	32	33	4	10	8	17	26	49
N'thampton	43	8	3	10	24	30	5	3	14	24	43	45
Notts Co	43	6	7	8	25	28	5	4	13	30	40	44
Bury	43	6	9	7	25	29	5	2	14	16	39	44
B'mouth	43	8	4	10	33	32	1	9	11	19	36	40
Wrexham	43	5	7	9	22	31	4	3	15	27	56	37
Cambridge	42	6	7	8	26	31	0	5	16	16	52	30